

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

From the  Pastor's Desk

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
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Monday, April 17th

6:30 a.m. Raymond Schmidt

8:00 a.m. Lalo Garza

Tuesday, April 18th

6:30 a.m. Rosemary Pollard

8:00 a.m. Leonora A. Butler (In Chapel—no school)

Wednesday, April 19th

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

Thursday, April 20th

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family

Friday, April 21st

6:30 a.m. Elbert & Mathida Witte

8:00 a.m. Henry A. Butler

Saturday, April 22nd

4:30 p.m. Florence "Jean" Leible

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 a.m. Paul Vasquez

10:00 a.m. Parishioners



Daily Mass On Mon., Tue. and Fri.
mornings we have TWO Masses.
One at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.



The Rectory will be closed on Monday April 17, 2006

Weekly Collection for FY 2006

Week of April 9th, 2006 \$6085.50

Average for FY 2006 \$6,936.10

Budgeted Average \$7,210.84

127 Envelopes Collected

Divine Mercy

Happy Happy Easter. Next Sunday is the 8th day of Easter on which we will celebrate the Mercy of god. This sums up for us the whole paschal mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. It capsulizes the great graces available to us as we contemplate His mercy which is active in our lives now!

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS Today is the last day for submitting open nominations to the Parish School Board for candidates for its May election. Information sheets are available in the back of Church. Nominations may be dropped off at the Rectory or you may e-mail gggerber@sbcglobal.net. Please consider whether you or someone you know might be called to serve this important ministry.



A few days do make a difference. For weeks now, we have still been celebrating, but in a spirit of special attentiveness to our sacrifices—those adopted for Lent, and those in our ongoing daily lives, as our way of joining with Jesus. Today, this Easter day, we join him in full attention to where this led Jesus: a completely new life, yet in continuity with what brought him there. This was done by the sheer graciousness of the Father's will.

This community of St. Margaret's has been through times of suffering over the years, including the last two. These are a real part of the community's life, but so is today. There is a new life now! evident in the spirit of the people, at Mass, in the work produced, and at other times. It has been arrived at by hard work, persistence, and ultimately, by the Father's gracious love. Jesus' resurrection, this year, reflects his spirit living in his people, newly strengthened and risen.

The news of the resurrection, though, was not automatically accepted. The story sounded "too good to be true."

Apostles who waited for his return, took the news with skepticism till they had first-hand evidence. So with us. We may be so used to anxiety and doubt that the news and evidence of a new spirit among us may not take in us right away. The resurrection is an event of both signs and FAITH. Let us see the signs of the Lord's risen spirit among us, and believe that it has really happened here as it did in those first special days.

HAPPY EASTER

TO A SPECIAL EASTER COMMUNITY!

Fr. Tom

Scripture reflection by Mary Lisa Penilla

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalen, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. (Mark 16:1)

Think of your very worst day – you know the one. Your gut is wrenching, your palms sweaty from the constant stress, pain and anxiety. You can't shake this awful experience, and secretly hope it is a horrible dream. Realizing, brokenheartedly, that it is real life. Did you curl up in a ball? Stay buried under bedcovers? Shut your eyes tight and wish for sleep? Maybe even wished for death itself...


Those who have experienced tremendous loss often find themselves sleepwalking through the days that follow. And yet there is a call to move towards the light lest we be swallowed by despair. How to do it with so little energy? Rituals offer world-weary bodies well-worn paths oriented towards the light with minimal energy needed.

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But God's loving glory, so bright shining, does amaze us. Who could have predicted it? None in the generations past or since. Not Abraham, stunned to hear God relieve of him the burden of sacrificing his son. Not Moses or the Israelites, bewildered to find dry land underfoot and safe passage when their exodus seemed in jeopardy. Not one of us, surprised in ways beyond our imagination when the worst seems imminent. Says Isaiah: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." We walk by faith, and not by sight, says one hymn. And in so doing our worst is resurrected with Jesus' best.

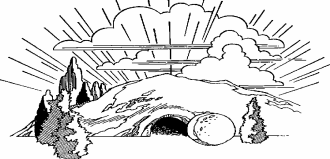
Today begins Easter. We have 40 days to celebrate and digest the news of Jesus' victory over death, and share it after fully leaving the tomb. But this first day let's bask in His dazzling light, allowing all of our dark, stiff spaces to be suffused with the holiest of energies and most brilliant of lights that His rising brings. It is a gift that could neither be imagined nor wished for. Our heart cries, Alleluia! and thank you in the same breath.

SPRING APPEAL UPDATE This week we arrive at the midway mark in our annual fund drive. This appeal is not accompanied with a lot of fanfare. It is just a yearly effort we make to keep our parish growing and financially healthy. Thank you all who are able to help out. To date, \$16,584 has been contributed.



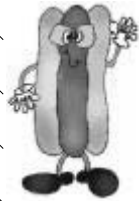
LUKE 18 RETREAT: A WEEKEND OF FUN All 7th and 8th graders are invited and encouraged to attend St. Margaret's 2nd Luke 18 retreat. We gave this retreat 2 years ago and it was a great success! The date is Friday evening April 28th thru Sunday April 30th, ending with the 10:00 am mass. This is a time for youth to grow in their faith and friendship during an extended period of ministry from high-school and college-aged mentors. (All supervised by adults). . Call Betty Schneider 772-4465 or Gale Hantak 771-5734 for info. **Sign up ASAP!!**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!



School Picnic and Spring Festival

Save the date! Families and Friends of St. Margaret of Scotland School and Parish -- Join together to celebrate the end of the school year and our bright future together on Friday, May 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stone Shelter at Tower Grove Park. Everyone is welcome! For a modest \$10 per family



admission fee, enjoy burgers, hot dogs, picnic fare, beer, soft drinks, giant inflatables, games, clowns and - most importantly -- good friends! This is a school holiday, so come early and enjoy the park, or stop by after work to kick off the weekend. Don't miss it!

Also at the School Picnic and Spring Festival, we'll be drawing the winners in **three big raffles:**

1) the School Raffle -- this is the one mandatory fundraiser for school families (each family is obligated to sell \$100 worth of tickets) -- tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20; first prize = \$1000 in SHOPS cards or \$800 cash; second prize = \$500 in SHOPS cards or \$400 cash; third prize = \$250 in SHOPS cards or \$200 cash. See any school family for more info.

2) the Great Spring Festival Reverse Raffle -- only 200 tickets available -- great odds -- and one big prize = \$5000 cash. Names will be pulled throughout the picnic and the last ticket drawn is the winner. Tickets can be purchased by individuals, or by groups, so don't delay -- when they're gone, they're gone! Watch for ticket sellers after Mass, or call Lori Greiner (776-6788) or Rochelle DelaRoche (773-2580) to get tickets.

3) the Kids-Only Free Raffle: all kids in attendance at the School Picnic/Spring Festival will have a chance to win a very special prize -- just for being there!



LifeLine

News from the Parish Nurse
Cathy White RN 776-0363 ext 13

Mark your calendars.... May 9th is LifeLine Screening. This is a series of three simple screenings which detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disrupted blood flow in the body. The screenings are for the carotid arteries, peripheral artery disease, and possible abdominal aortic aneurysm. The total cost for the three tests is \$109 or \$45 for individual tests. Testing is also available for osteoporosis screening. Testing will be performed at SMOS school during the day. You must call to make an appt. See flier for more information. (FACT: recently St. Anthony Parish on Meramec had their screening. Forty five individuals were screened. The results showed one person with an abdominal aneurysm, six were at high risk for osteoporosis, three showed significant carotid artery disease, and two showed peripheral artery disease.)

How do Easter bunnies stay in shape? (Hareobics.)



Men's Club All men of the parish -- young, old or anywhere in between (you decide where you fit), you are invited to join the revived St. Margaret's Men's Club. Whether you're a crafty veteran or an eager rookie, we want you! We'll meet monthly as a social gathering to get to know each other, share some history and some energy, renew old acquaintances and make new friends. We'll also raise a little money and do some good work in our parish and school community from time to time (just think of the opportunities!). Our coming-out event will be providing the grilling manpower for the School Picnic and Spring Festival on May 19. Watch this space for an announcement about our first planning meeting, or call Pete Salsich (776-7637) or Gus Buttice (771-7446) for more info.



ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. April 22nd—4:30 p.m.
Fritz Autry, Sean & Jackie Bittick
Sun. April 23rd—8:00 a.m.
David Mitchell, Austin & Finny Beatty
Sun. April 16th —10:00 a.m.
Ben Thomas, Genevieve Buthod, Sami Hantak



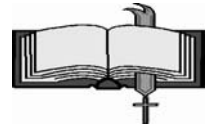
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. April 22nd—4:30 p.m.
Carmela Garza, Carol Helfrich
Sun. April 23rd—8:00 a.m.
Betty Stock, Patty Duffy,
Francis Kennedy, Cheryl Thomas
Sun. April 23rd— 10:00 a.m.
Suzanne Bruce, Virginia Coates-Favron, Walter Hoff,
Irv Engelmann, Carol Engelmann, Bob Waltermann,
Greg Rohde, Deb Halter, Prudence Kramer



LECTORS

Sat. April 22nd— 4:30 p.m.
Therese Noecker, Judi Tucci
Sun. April 23rd—8:00 a.m.
Angie Reitenbach, Tom Reitenbach
Sun. April 23rd—10:00 a.m.
Pat Dougherty, Liz Zempel



GREETERS FOR APRIL

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 04/23/06

Donut Pick-up : Tom & Ginger Purcell
Coffee for the month of April :Mary Ann & Mark Gadell
Donut Cleanup: Dorothy Wamser

DRIVERS

04/22/06 Rey Sherrock
04/23/06 Bob Buscher
If anyone needs a ride to Mass on Saturday please call Cathy White at the rectory.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 16 through April 23, 2006

Sunday: Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14,22-23 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-15,16ab-21
Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31