

Third Sunday of Easter



From the

Pastor's Desk

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
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Monday, May 1st

6:30 a.m. Jerry Granville

8:00 a.m. William J. Gansmann

Tuesday, May 2nd

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

8:00 a.m. The Casey Family

Wednesday, May 3rd

6:30 a.m. Rosemary Pollard

Thursday, May 4th

6:30 a.m. Raymond Boncek

Friday, May 5th

6:30 a.m. Rosemary Maloney

8:00 a.m. Anna Bothman

Saturday, May 6th

4:30 p.m. Jean Leible

Sunday, May 7th

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

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

12:00 p.m. First Communicants & their families



Weekly Collection for FY 2006

Week of April 23rd, 2006	\$6123.50
Average for FY 2006	\$6990.99
Budgeted Average	\$7,210.84
119 Envelopes Collected	

Baptisms

The parish family was privileged to welcome 5 children through the waters of baptism.

Ivan Nicholas Engelhart, son of Roger and Tanja Engelhart was baptized on April 23 after Mass.

The following children were baptized at the children's school Mass on Tuesday April 25. Lilja Rose Michaud daughter of Gregory Michaud and the late Pirjo Michaud. Samantha Irene Ryan Auch, Jeremy Ryan Auch and Elliot Ryan Auch children of Steven and Jenni Auch. A big welcome to these children and their families.

Annual Catholic Appeal The response to last weekend's kickoff to the ACA campaign was fantastic! We are well on our way to achieving this year's monetary and participation goals. The ACA greatly appreciates any offering you are willing to donate. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, the ACA is the source of funds for clergy retirement, archdiocesan high school tuition assistance, parochial grade school tuition, teacher subsidies, and parish assistance. As an example, our parish will receive over \$30,000 this year from the ACA for grade school tuition assistance and for the replacement of the church's aging boiler. Even if you can not contribute at this time, please take the time to complete your card. This will save the ACA committee the time and expense of contacting you at the end of the campaign. Cards will be available after all masses this weekend and the weekend of May 5-6th.

Our community is showing itself as one of the Risen Lord, with the spirit of Easter quite evident. I've heard many people commenting on our Triduum/Easter services, that they were wonderful times of prayer and renewal. Last Sunday was rich, with the Masses plus a Baptism. We heard St. Thomas proclaim, "My Lord and my God!" the church's faith from the beginning. We also began the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA of old), in the spirit of the day's first reading from Acts: "The community of believers was of one mind and heart, and shared their belongings with those in need." This diocesan collection always goes well with that reading. We included the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday, raised up by St. Faustina. The special picture of Christ for this feast of universal mercy will be in front of church this Easter Season.

We then had a great brunch at SLUH for our organ fund drive. In the evening we had a Baby Party, with many families from the year's Baptisms coming together to meet and watch the babies play. And Tuesday morning at School Mass, four children were baptized. So the school community of students, teachers, and parents could witness and support it.

This weekend we conclude the Luke 18 Retreat for many of our 7th and 8th Grade students at Mass, with yet another Baptism.

This all shows a strenuous parish living the Easter news. It keeps me busy and tired at times, but filled with the news of the Risen Lord.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION By A PARISHIONER

The days following His crucifixion and resurrection must have been the most confusing of times for the followers of Jesus. They witnessed firsthand the cruelest of torture and the unimaginably horrible death of the One they loved the most ... and they must have wondered how this could have happened to their God. Then they experienced His glorious Resurrection and I'll bet they wondered how this could have happened to a man! God or man? Man or God? Confusing stuff indeed ... even for those closest to Him.

In last week's readings, Thomas is singled out as the "doubting one". But could the rest of Jesus' disciples have been far behind Thomas? Today's Gospel also shows some of the confusion and doubt in the minds of the followers of the Lord, but it also offers the hope that doubt and confusion can be cleared up when Luke writes that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". Let us pray that our minds be similarly "opened". The Holy Spirit is soon to come!

* **SPRING APPEAL** Our annual drive rolls merrily along.
* This quiet fundraiser, to date, has raised \$22,954 by
* our parishioners and past parishioners. The idea is that
* individuals and families give something during each of
* these Spring months of March, April and May.
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Buyamba Parish Cistern Project

The Father George cistern project continues. SMOS children will be involved in various projects to raise monies for the cistern in Father George's hometown parish in Kyando, Uganda. Some of these projects include donating lunch beverage money and drinking tap water instead, using a tally sheet to track water usage at home and then donating a dime each time water is used. A dress out day is planned during this two week period along with a bake sale after school. Parishioners may donate directly into the "cistern" located in the rear of Church or use envelopes located in the pews. Make your check payable to **SMOS SVDP** and put "Cistern Project" in the memo section. Thank you from the Cistern Committee!!!!



Invitation for the Women of the Parish!

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual SMOS Women's Retreat, which will be held Friday, August 4 to Saturday, August 5, 2005. There will be an option to stay an extra night until Sunday, August 6. We will be going to a

beautiful facility in Ruma, IL -- about 45 minutes from St. Margaret's. More details and registration materials will be available by the end of May. ...



MEN'S RETREAT

Are you ready for a relaxing, quite, and peaceful experience for yourself? Take sometime to think, pray and relax! Come join other men from St. Margaret of Scotland on the weekend of May 5th through 7th at Kings House, In Bellville, Illinois. Situated in residential cul de sac area on 40+ acres. Take the opportunity to get to know the Lord more intimately and personally. For more information or to register, contact Bob Kramer at 771-6097 ASAP.



School Picnic and Spring Festival

Friday, May 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stone Shelter at Tower Grove Park. Everyone is welcome! Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket, you have your choice of the following three

- 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, they're Watch for ticket sellers after Mass, or call Lori Greiner (776-6788) or Rochelle DeLaRoche (773-2580)
- 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!



The SMOS Outreach Center, 3135 Lafayette Ave. will be dedicated in honor of Fr. Jack Gavin, OSA, the former pastor of Immaculate Conception/St. Henry and founder of the Outreach Center, on Sunday, May 21st, beginning with the 10:00a.m. mass at St. Margaret's and followed with a ceremony and dedication at the Center at 11:30 a.m. A reception will conclude the days festivities. Please plan on being part of this wonderful celebration!

SHOPS FOR YOUR SHOPPING!



Besides local groceries, we have Walgreen's and Starbucks in-stock. These stores are found all over the U.S. - purchase some to send to your college-student who is always needing something! Congratulations to Mary Brake - winner of the March \$50 gift certificate. Each month that you spend \$300 with SHOPS you will be entered into the drawing. Only 2 drawings left (April and May) - so don't forget your SHOPS!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MULCHING



Once again this year all parishioners are invited to help in the spreading of the mulch at St. Margaret's Church and Rectory on Friday, May 19th or Saturday, May 20th. We are in the process of regrouping our gardeners for

the Church and Rectory grounds and all hands are welcome. If you will be able to help with the mulch please phone the rectory (776-0363) and leave your name and number and someone will get back in touch with you. Thank you in advance for your ongoing interest in SMOS!



Please join the South Grand Senior Ministry for **"Beethoven Unplugged,"** performed by Quartet Seraphin at our own SMOS Church. Reserve your space for Monday, May 8th at 11 a.m. Meet the real Beethoven, the genius composer responsible for some of the greatest string quartets ever. Lunch will be served after the concert for the low price of \$7.00. Call Cathy for reservations at 776-0363

May is National High Blood Pressure Education Month

It's National High Blood Pressure Education Month - time to take action to find out what your blood pressure numbers are, what they mean, and what you need to do to prevent or control this all too common condition. The theme this year is: "Prevent and Control High Blood Pressure: Mission Possible." High blood pressure is a dangerous condition. You usually don't have any symptoms, so you may not even know you have it. The good news, though, is that it is possible to **prevent - and control high blood pressure.** How? By making some fairly simple lifestyle changes: 1) Losing weight, if necessary, and maintaining a healthy weight. 2) Being physically active. 3) Following a healthy eating plan. 4) Eating less salt and sodium, and limiting your alcohol consumption.

ST. CRONAN'S SVDP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join and support our Vincentian friends at St. Cronan's Sun. May 7, 2006 for our annual Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy hot pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee all for \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, or \$25 for an entire family. The event takes place at 1202 S. Boyle Ave., across from St. Cronan's and will run from 8:30a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Help support a great cause and enjoy a delicious Sunday breakfast!

The 7th Annual Southwest Garden Home

Improvement and Garden Tour will be Sun. May 21, from Noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are only \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of the tour, per person.

The tour starts at Hanneke Hardware (5390 Southwest Ave.). Advance tickets are available at the Bug Store (4474 Shaw), Hanneke Hardware (5390 Southwest), and the Southwest Garden Neighborhood office (4950 Southwest). For more info. contact: Dana Gray, Executive Director, Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association, 314-772-6082



ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. May 6th—4:30 p.m.

Austin Beatty, Stephanie Barker

Sun. May 7th—8:00 a.m.

Richard Pisoni, Carl Wurm

Sun. May 7th —10:00 a.m.

Chelsea Duffe, Sonya McCanna, Marcela Zegarra-Ballon



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 6th—4:30 p.m.

Carmela Garza, Prudence Kramer

Sun. May 7th—8:00 a.m.

Patty Duffy, Joe Iovanna,

George Mills, Gregory Kehr

Sun. May 7th— 10:00 a.m.

Dorothy Wamser, Duke Dummerth, Sr. Mary Jo Ritter,

Mary Jo Rhoda, Joe Hagen, John Merideth, Marg Schmitz,

Julie Jones, Julio Zegarra-Ballon



LECTORS

Sat. May 6th— 4:30 p.m.

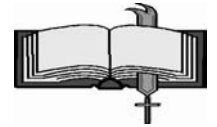
Tony Huenneke, Barb Betancourt

Sun. May 7th—8:00 a.m.

Anne Hagen, Martin Rafanan

Sun. April 30th—10:00 a.m.

Greg Rohde, Mary Harter



GREETERS FOR MAY

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley,

Donna Schumacher

8:00 a.m. Earl & Martha Brake

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



DONUTS & COFFEE 05/07/06

Donut Pick-up: Bob & Joyce Herleth

Coffee for May: Mary & Mike Brake

Donut Cleanup: Gayle Hantak



DRIVERS

05/06/06 Bob Herleth

05/07/06 Joe Hagen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 30 through May 7, 2006

- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Ps 4:2,4,7-9
1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30
Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4,6ab,7b,8a,
17,21ab Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20
Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,29
1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18