

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Monday, August 21st

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

8:00 a.m. Dr. Harry Purcell

Tuesday, August 22nd

6:30 a.m. Casey Family

8:00 a.m. Catherine Kuhn

Wednesday, August 23rd

6:30 a.m. Mary Catherine Lucas

Thursday, August 24th

6:30 a.m. Renee Castle

Friday, August 25th

6:30 a.m. Judy Anthony

8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, August 26th

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, August 27th

8:00 a.m. Jeanette Stein

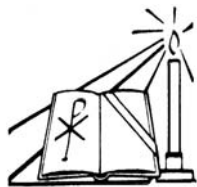
10:00 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell

Weekly Collection for FY 2007

Week of Aug. 13, 2006	\$5,181.00
Average for FY 2007	\$6,181.42
Budgeted Average FY 2007	\$6,830.76

103 Envelopes Collected

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is happy to announce its move into the school (old building). We can now accommodate more children. If you would like to enroll a child in the younger group (3-5 years) on Thursday morning or the older group (6-9 years) on Sunday morning 8:15-9:45 (so they can go to 10 a.m. Mass), please call Therese for information at 776-7636. Homeschoolers and those not in our school are welcome!



BAR-B-Q

Save the date! The PTA will host the back-to-school Fire Breathing BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 26th at 5:30 p.m. on the school lot. It will be potluck just like last year. **Many volunteers are still needed for this event.** We are also in need of tents/canopies. It would be great if all parish organizations could be represented at this social event. There will be information tables for you to share information about your organization and major events. All school families and parishioners are invited! If you can volunteer your time or tent, please call Amy at 776-8955.



From the Pastor's Desk

The weekend had many interesting connections for me. Steve Werner's play, Tobit's Triumph, brought a literally wonderful world of curses, demons, scorpions, angels, magic potions, and blessings. Much of the wonder of this world seems to have been done away with by scientific knowledge; yet our world remains a mysterious, sometimes threatening place. Last week's security alert brought us a world where shoes and liquids are, again, viewed with suspicion. Perhaps we need some of that Old Testament magic after all!

This summer's Bread of Life series brings us a new magic. Though it's mumbo-jumbo to some, we somehow believe the words of Jesus that he is food and drink for our everlasting life. In line with the Scriptures, I refuse to see that life as taking place only after we die. Jesus came to open a life within us, in this world, this earthly life. It is a "wellspring of life within you, leaping to everlasting life."

Renewed by recreation (re-creation) and prayer this summer, I see us called to celebrate the security, joy and wonder of this life within us, as we travel a world filled with as many threats and demons as at any other time. Jesus is within us to nurture this everlasting life. We celebrate it together at each Eucharist. May his life within us and among us be as real to us as anything else.

God bless our teachers, students, and families as the new school year starts. For decades, this is the way our parish has transmitted the news of this new life we live.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Juliann DePalma Hesed

"Do not act the fool," says Paul in today's second reading. He seems to be echoing Wisdom's advice when she reminds us to "forsake foolishness." And, I am pretty sure that voice in my head that says "don't be so foolhardy" is my mom's voice. Perhaps you have a parental voice that replays a similar message for you. I don't know about you, but I rarely set out to make a fool of myself. And yet there are those times. . .

Hmmm, so the question arises then, how are we (or at least I) then to know when we are about to "act the fool?" I should stop here, or at least you, the reader, should stop here because I can assure you that I don't have the answer to that question. Way too often as I reflect on something I have said or done that day, I am sure that I have acted foolishly.

Wisdom tells us "advance in the way of understanding." I wonder if she means acquiring knowledge or seeing the other person's point of view? Paul warns us to be "like thoughtful persons." I wonder if he means people who think important ideas or people who act with care and respect. As an educator I am all for acquiring knowledge and thinking important ideas, but I think both Wisdom and Paul are urging us to a higher level of understanding and thoughtfulness.


When we rely only on our minds to lead us in how we relate to other people, make decisions, or encounter our God, we run the risk of being fooled. After all, who in their right mind would fall for someone who demands we "eat his flesh and drink his blood?"

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When we lead with our hearts, we find ourselves in church weekend after weekend, just so that we might be nourished by a communion that makes no reasonable sense.

Consider a time that you have been fooled into acting reasonably but without understanding and thoughtfulness.

RICA



This acronym stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. By means of this rite and formation program we welcome new adult believers to the church. The program begins early fall and culminates with the celebration of the Easter sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about what it is to be a Roman Catholic, contact Peter Hesel at 776-0363 for more information.

SMOS PSR Programs


Holy Innocents Regional School of Religion needs you and your talents!! Many teachers and teacher assistants are needed for grades pre-K thru 8th grade. Regular classes meet on Monday evenings and Confirmation meets on Saturday mornings. To help in any of these positions or to register your child (ages 4—high school) for classes, please call Sr. Loretta Sigler at 775-5905.

Youth Exploring Scripture—YES is a time and place for high school students to come together to pray, read Scripture, think, and discuss how to totally be a teen and totally be a Catholic. Explore some ways of living out Scripture through service. We meet Mon. evenings. For more information and to register, please call Sr. Loretta at 775-5905.

SCHOOL NEWS

The first day of school for K thru 8 and new Montessori students only, begins Monday, August 21st from 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

On Monday, August 28th all school students (M thru 8) will be in session full day. And, on Friday, September 1st at 8:00 a.m. we will have the first all school Mass.



Looking for an experienced babysitter and/or full-time nanny to watch our infant in our home in the nearby area. The full-time position will begin in October, Monday thru Friday, the babysitting will include various weekend evenings. The applicant must have childcare experience with three checkable references/background check. Please contact us if you are interested at 314-503-8053

NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE: Cathy White, RN

Free Community Health Screening For Men and Women

Wed. Aug. 30th at Compton Heights Christian Church 2149 S. Grand 63104 (by Jack in the Box); Cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure from 11 am - 1 pm. Mammograms and Breast Exams from 9am - 2pm for Uninsured/Insured Women. Call 771-5071 for details and to make an appointment.

Free T-shirt to all screening participants! Sponsored by Isaiah 58 Ministries and St. John's Neighborhood Ministry.

SVDP BIG NIGHT TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Just what you have been waiting to hear! You can finally make your reservation and purchase tickets for our St. Vincent DePaul's "Big Night Off Broadway" fundraising event. Program and raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses beginning this weekend. Please plan to bring family and friends to the Friday, September 29th Broadway extravaganza featuring our very own SMOS choir serving as waiters and waitresses, performing some of Broadway's most memorable music, and serving some of Cravings most delicious food! Ticket prices begin at \$75.00, tables of 8 can be reserved, the evening's festivities begin at 7p.m. in the Church Hall. Don't

Sunday at the Movies!

Please join us this afternoon for a free matinee presentation of the enlightening Wal-Mart documentary, "The High Cost of Low Prices".

This fascinating film about the cultural and economic impacts of Wal-Mart is family friendly and great for teens and young people. Refreshments and childcare for the little ones will be available. Join us for the film and stay for the discussion of our choices and responsibilities as Christians and consumers. The movie will play from 12:00 to 1:30 today in the Church basement.

SHOPS

Don't Forget SHOPS for your weekly shopping. Available at the rectory or after Masses:

- Schnucks - \$25 or \$100
- Shop & Save - \$25 or \$100
- Dierbergs - \$25 or \$100
- Home Depot - \$25 or \$100
- Starbuck's - \$10 or \$25
- Walgreens - \$20 and. St. Louis Bread Co. - \$10

Many other vendors available by special order. Pick up an order form from the rectory or volunteers after Mass. Special orders are generally delivered in 7-10 days.



"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..."
(Ephesians 5:15)

Stewardship is a wise and good way to live. It is wisely recognizing that all we have comes from God. It is thanking God every day for all His many blessings. It is recognizing that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, 8/21—First day of school (K-8 and new Montessori), early dismissal—12:15p;

Ladies Aux., 7p, CH

Chesterton, 7p, RMR

Friendship & Justice Prayer Group, 7p, Rectory

Tuesday, 8/22—Southside Bosnian Services

Collaborative, 10a, CH

Wednesday, 8/23—Athletic Assn., 7p, CH

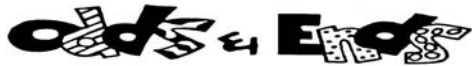
School Board mtg., 7p, RMR

Thursday, 8/24—Eucharistic Adoration, 9a-10p

Saturday, 8/26—SVDP Gathering Place, 9a-Noon

PTA Back-to-School Fire Breathing BBQ, 5:30p, School

Sunday, 8/27—Dubourg Swing Dancers, 6:30p, CH



Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center is looking for volunteers to assist the families they serve. Volunteers are needed to staff the waiting rooms to provide warm blankets, soft pillows, or even a calming story. By comforting our families during stressful times, we hope to provide the most positive and compassionate environment possible. To volunteer, please call 577-5696 or 614-0101.

The **Office of Laity and Family Life** is seeking new couples to facilitate Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Classes. If you and your spouse feel that you would be able to use your gifts through this program to serve engaged couples, please call Susan at 792-7173.

Facilitators receive a stipend for each class they lead.

Minds Eye Information Service, a radio reading service for the blind, seeks volunteers to help bring the printed word to life for thousands of blind and print disabled people. Currently, we are recruiting volunteers for Morning News Show Producers, Listener Outreach, and On-Air Readers. Interested volunteers should call Marjorie Williams at 314-241-3400, ext. 6443.

Friday Kids and Family Fun Nights at the YWCA—

Sept. 8, Oct. 6 & 2 are Kids Gym Nights at the YWCA Carondelet Branch, 4510 S. Kingshighway, 6-8 p.m.

Children ages 3-12 enjoy supervised gymnastics play; parents are welcome to stay and work out or leave for some time away. The YWCA will also host **Family Volleyball Nights** on Sept. 15 and Oct. 13, from 6-8 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. Advance registration (832-2000) is required by Noon the day of the event.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. August 26th—4:30 p.m.

Fritz Autry, Tiara Fitzpatrick,
Ben Thomas

Sun. August 26th—8:00 a.m.

John Barron, Henry Schneider

Sun. August 27th—10:00 a.m.

Kate Sudholt, Kimberly Greiner, George Suggs



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. August 26th—4:30 p.m.

Sr. Mary Jo Ritter, Betty Stock

Sun. August 27th—8:00 a.m.

Barb Lenzini, Cam Jansen,

Joyce Herleth, Bob Herleth

Sun. August 27th— 10:00 a.m.

Therese Noecker, Gerry Rauch, Julie Hesed, Cheryl

Thomas, Rob Garavaglia, Betty Andrews, Bridget Blaes,

Rick Blaes, Rose Mary Murphy, CSJ



LECTORS

Sat. August 26th—4:30 p.m.

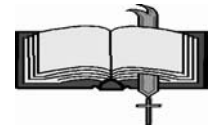
Carol Engelmann, Irv Engelmann

Sun. August 27th—8:00 a.m.

Barbara Blaes, Joe Iovanna

Sun. August 27th—10:00 a.m.

Mike Miller, Stephanie Ramey



GREETERS FOR AUGUST

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 8/27/06

Donut Pick-up: John & Barb Lenzini

Coffee for August: Mary Ann & Mark Gadell

Donut Clean-up: Mimi Newsham Mahoney



DRIVERS

8/26/06 John Lenzini

8/27/06 Bob Buscher

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 20 through August 27, 2006

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-7 Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-24 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28,30,35-36
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab,17-18
Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9-14 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b Ps 34:2-3,16-21
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32 Jn 6:60-69