

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



Monday, November 13th

6:30 a.m. Christine Hasenstab
8:00 a.m. Johanna Jones

Tuesday, November 14th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family
8:00 a.m. Joseph Birsinger

Wednesday, November 15th

6:30 a.m. Betty Guilfooy

Thursday, November 16th Feast Day of St. Margaret

6:30 a.m. Thomas F. Bannon
8:00 a.m. George P. Anatasoff

Friday, November 17th

6:30 a.m. Etta I. Smigell

Saturday, November 18th

4:30 p.m. Frank Kelahan

Sunday, November 19th

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Buttice Family

These weeks feel like a nice in-between time, for the parish and for me. Personally, after my retreat, there was the excitement of the Series, which led right into Halloween. That was a big night, with Mass and over 100 visitors at the rectory. Including the Holy Day of All Saints, we began this year to build a remembrance time including All Souls Day—together as time to remember our foreparents in faith and family. This week I've been able to get a lot of leftover things done. Personally, again, this week I made appointments for a dental checkup and also with my doctor for a physical, which I say in case it motivates anyone else who's overdue.

An effort which does continue is with the **Intention Cards** from our Stewardship period. The committee is getting names of those who volunteered to the respective committees and ministries. We're also tabulating the projection of offertory gifts from the pledges made, with a number of increases, while some explained that they need to remain the same for them. In the future, getting all Cards back, even from those making no major changes, will help us plan for the coming year.

Finally, a break concerning **the Boiler!** With delays (who of us didn't know that would happen?) the company has agreed to install a temporary boiler, which should be going by now. We still look for the full installation shortly of the 3-staged units for efficient use of fuel, and the separate one for the hall below. Thanks again to our Major Gift people for leading the effort. Our stewardship-based increase will help with this project, and we'll talk about handling the remaining cost.

Thursday 8 a.m. Mass in church, for the feast of St. Margaret, with the school community. Please join us. No 8a.m. Mass Fri.

Weekly Collection for FY 2007

Week of November 5, 2006	\$8,526.75
Average for FY 2007	\$6,662.87
Budgeted Average FY 2007	\$6,830.76
126 Envelopes Collected	

BULLETIN DEADLINE Please note that due to the Thanksgiving Holiday all articles for the November 26th bulletin must be at the rectory office no later than Friday, November 17th at 8:00 a.m. We will send the bulletin to the company Monday.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS During the week of Thanksgiving (November 20th to 24th) Marcia will be on vacation. The rectory will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The rectory will be closed on Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

BOOK OF THE DEAD

The entire month of November is one during which we remember and pray for those who have died. Our custom over the past several years has been to have the Book of the Dead laid open before the St. Joseph altar. (He has long been venerated as the patron saint for a peaceful death.) We invite our parishioners to add the names of the family members and loved ones that have died over the last year to that roster and to take a moment in prayer.



EUCARISTIC ADORATION will not be held on Thanksgiving Day. Please join us every Thursday from 9:00 a.m.- 10:00p.m in the Church Chapel for prayer and mediation. For more information contact Therese Noecker at 314-776-7636 or Carmela Garza at 314-772-6880

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by Carrie Meyer

The scripture today indicates that there is a special place for the widow in the heart of God, and a special place for God in the heart of the widow. The relationship between God and the widow is apparent, but what of the relationship between the widow and us?

Something that particularly touches me about these women is their amazing trust. The widow in 1 Kings trusts in God when Ahab's social security plan fails, and the widow in Mark believes God to be more powerful than AG Edwards as a steward of her funds. These women challenge us to reach out for help, to be vulnerable, and to trust in the plans of God. Scriptures should inspire more than fuzzy feelings. Jesus is indeed a challenging master, one who asks us to give out of our poverty everyday. While faith in God does not contradict financial planning, it should definitely mark our lives. When faced with a crisis, is it our first inclination to worry and plan, or to offer it up to God in prayer asking for guidance? I confess to you, mine is too often the former.

Reflecting on this scripture, I looked for places where I am poor. One such place is Monday mornings. Often enough on Mondays I am lacking in grace and patience. Mondays I can give to God by being graceful and patient with others. What about the friend who obviously needs a listening ear or a hand to hold, when we don't think we have the time? We are challenged to put ourselves aside, even if it means running that last errand tomorrow. We are called to give out of our lack to answer the prayer of others. We are called, out of our poverty, to give all we have.

"Heaven and earth will pass away but my works will not pass away." (MARK 13:31)

The Gospel reminds us that at the end of time all of the material things we strive to accumulate will be meaningless. The only thing that will matter is how well we followed the word of Jesus. With that thought in mind our stewardship question becomes: *How much can I give?* rather than: *How much must I give?*

PARISH FEAST VESPERS on November 19—

St. Margaret's Feast Day is a week-long event here, beginning with the Highlander, and concluding with the parish gathering on the evening of November 19 for prayer and praise. The **young adults and teens** of our parish are especially invited to take part in this praise and worship event, sponsored by our new Youth Ministry Board. Vespers begins at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19 in church. Following there will be a gathering for refreshment and fellowship in the church hall. All friends of St. Margaret, from children to seniors, are invited to this spirited celebration.

GET READY FOR THE BIGGEST SHOPPING DAY OF THE YEAR!

Read and discuss John Kavanaugh's "Following Christ in a Consumer Society" in a Justice book circle this November. The circle will meet from 7-8:15 p.m. on the 3 Mondays leading up to Thanksgiving (and that fateful Friday) at John Wiedmann's house at 3928 Russell in Shaw neighbor. RSVP to Mary Lisa at 322-3228.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Cathy White, RN

November is American Diabetes Month!!

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood glucose (sugar) to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Nearly 21 million children and adults in the U.S. have diabetes. It is the fifth deadliest disease in the U.S. and it has no cure. Every November, the American Diabetes Association encourages the public to learn more about diabetes and the risks associated with the disease. You can learn more about diabetes by reading the insert in today's bulletin.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 7pm in the Church hall. As usual, beginners are welcome! Now that the weather has turned cooler, it's a great time of the year for knitting and crocheting. I wanted to share a note I received from one of the recipients of our shawls. Shirley is a friend of one of our parishioners. She seems like a wonderful positive person. Good luck and blessings to you, Shirley.

"Thank-you for the sweet prayer shawl. I just love it! I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers. I start chemo tomorrow. Set backs are tough but I am tougher. I am so blessed to have a wonderful husband, kids and grandchildren, family and friends. They teach you the wonderful things in life. Please thank Ellen, who made the beautiful shawl. Tell her I just love it – she is amazing. Also thank Father Tom who blessed it. May God bless you all!"



SMOS School extends an invitation to parishioners to celebrate the **Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland** at its VIP Day on Thursday, November 16th. Join us for Mass at 8:00 am followed by light refreshments in the school cafeteria, and a prayer service in the gymnasium. We

welcome offerings of non-perishable food items or monetary donations for presentation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please RSVP to (314) 776-7837.

SVDP NEWS

SVDP Blanket Collection

This weekend, and next, November 11 & 12 and 18 & 19, our St. Vincent De Paul Society will be collecting new winter blankets for distribution to our clients in need. Just drop off your donation of a kids blanket, or a blanket for a double size bed, in the bins located at the back of church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Helping our friends stay warm this winter with a blanket will also help to keep their heating bills a bit lower.



SVDP "Christmas in St. Louis" CD

The long awaited arrival of the St. Vincent De Paul Society "Christmas in St. Louis" CD is here! The CD, featuring 14 familiar Christmas carols, performed by some the Archdiocese's best choirs, including our very own SMOS choir, will be on sale from now through Christmas after all masses. The cost is \$10 each, and proceeds benefit our ministry to our friends and neighbors in need. They make great gifts and the price is right. Don't wait. They are going to go fast!

HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH SHOPS

It's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping. Make it easy with gift cards through SHOPS. Use the cards for your shopping or make the card itself a gift! Many vendors have been added!! During the holidays some items may be backordered, to prevent that, ordering early (by Dec.1) is recommended. If you need an order form or more information please contact Cindy Riordan at 314-664-3885. Don't forget SHOPS are available at school, the rectory or after Masses.



TO THE LADIES OF THE PARISH

The Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held on Tues., Dec. 5 at Van Gogh's Bistro (corner of Shenandoah and Compton). Cost for the evening dinner is \$20 which includes your choice of Chicken Parmesan or Pasta con Broccoli, salad, side pasta, bread, and coffee along with a Chocolate fountain for dessert. Gather at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm. To reserve your place, call Vicky at 865-3770 by Nov. 20th. Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for exchange if you desire. Transportation is available.

Calendar of Events

Monday, 11/13—Youth Chorus, 7p, Church Service & Soc. Comm., 7p, GOC
Tuesday, 11/14—PTA Exec. Mtg., 7p, School Prayer Shawl, 7p, Church Hall
 Worship Comm., 7:30p, RMR
Wednesday, 11/15—School Board, 7p, RMR
 Choir, 7p, Church & CH
Thursday, 11/16—All School Mass, 8 a.m.
 Eucharistic Adoration, 9a-10p
 8th Ward Dem., 7p, Church Hall
Friday, 11/17—Brownies 432 Mtg., 2:30-5p, Church Hall
Saturday, 11/18—SVDP Gathering Place, 9a-Noon
Sunday, 11/12—RCIA, 11:30a to 1p, RMR
 DuBourg Swing Dancers, 6:30p, CH
 Vespers, 7p, Church

Community News

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH



Adoption is a gift of love twice given—for the birth mother and the adoptive parents. Join in celebrating this extraordinary gift of love on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at the Cathedral Basilica of

St. Louis with Mass and a Special Blessing by Archbishop Burke. A reception will follow in the Cathedral School cafeteria. For more information on this special event, call 314-792-7400.

Historic Shaw Holiday Home Tour "Reflections of Holidays Past" Sunday December 3rd, 2006 Noon – 6pm

The Shaw Holiday home tour committee is in need of your help. We now have our 10th home for the tour but we would like to have some alternates available just in case one has to drop out. We are also gathering a list of volunteers to be docents in homes, sell tickets, direct traffic and drive vans. (The night before we will hold a party for the volunteers and homeowners.) If you know of a home or want to volunteer, please call Elise Sepic at 314-776-4797.

22nd Annual Scouting for Food Drive

On Saturday, November 11, 2006 local Boy Scouts will place bags on the doors in your neighborhood. All you have to do is fill them with non-perishable canned goods and one week later, on November 18, 2006 the Boy Scouts will pick them up. Donated items will be distributed to local food pantries.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. November 18th—4:30 p.m.

Victoria Cacchione, Ryan Kiernan,
Emily Mulligan



Sun. November 19th—8:00 a.m.

John Barron, David Mitchell, Stephaine Barker

Sun. November 19th—10:00 a.m.

Finny Beatty, Sonya McCanna, Darby Reynolds

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. November 18th—4:30 p.m.

Becky Ward, Tom Ward

Sun. November 19th—8:00 a.m.

Gregory Kehr, Pat Nuernberger,

Cam Jansen, Joe Iovanna

Sun. November 19th—10:00 a.m.

Walter Hoff, Prudence Kramer, Therese Noecker, Deb

Halter, Patty Duffy, Francis Kennedy, Julie Hesed, Duke

Dummerth, Sr. Mary Jo Ritter



LECTORS

Sat. November 18th—4:30 p.m.

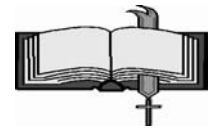
Eileen Ruddy, Tony Huenneke

Sun. November 19th—8:00 a.m.

Martin Rafanan, Judie Tucci

Sun. November 19th—10:00 a.m.

Pat Dougherty, Vera Whirley



GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

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 11/19/06

Donut Pick-up: John & Barb Lenzini

Coffee for November Mary & Mike Brake

Donut Clean-up: Mimi Newsham Mahoney



DRIVERS

11/18/06 Carmela Garza

11/19/06 Bob Buscher

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

November 12 through November 19, 2006

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10
 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29
 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Philm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18
 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5,8-11 Heb 10:11-14,18
 Mk 13:24-32