

## Third Sunday of Lent

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



### **Monday, March 12th**

6:30 a.m. Elbert and Mathida Witte

8:00 a.m. Dr. Carmela Parisani Axeman

### **Tuesday, March 13th**

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention

8:00 a.m. Thomas Leahy

### **Wednesday, March 14th**

6:30 a.m. Florence Speas

### **Thursday, March 15th**

6:30 a.m. Leonora A. Butler

### **Friday, March 16th**

6:30 a.m. Lucille Altadonna

8:00 a.m. Myra Thomasson

### **Saturday, March 17th**

4:30 p.m. Robert F. Bothman

### **Sunday, March 18th**

8:00 a.m. Henry A. Butler

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

### **Weekly Collection for FY 2007**

Week of February 25, 2007 \$ 8,858.04

Average for FY 2007 \$ 7,307.38

Budgeted Average FY 2007 \$6,546.87

Envelopes Used 135

**SPRING APPEAL** – We call this our quiet fund raiser. There is no date to remember, wrapping paper to buy or group of volunteers to assemble. It is the Spring Appeal, seed money donated by parishioners and past parishioners each year to help keep us in the plus column financially. All of our parishioners should have received an appeal letter along with three envelopes, one for each month of February, March and April. The funds raised each year in this appeal enable us to stay current with all our regular expenses. Thanks to all those who have already contributed. Thus far \$9,560.00 has been contributed by parishioners and former parishioners. Whatever you can give, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

### **RECONCILIATION SERVICE Tuesday, March 20th**

There will be a Lenten service that combines music, scripture, Reconciliation and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Matthew Baute will present musical reflections on the great Lenten Gospel Readings, from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. A Holy Hour begins at 8:30. Confessors are available for sacramental reconciliation, and Matthew will offer gentle music for meditation and prayer. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the entire service, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. But you are also welcome to attend any part of the evening that meets your needs.



**It's Day Light Savings time again!**

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour!

From the  Pastor's Desk

We're now getting into the "thick" of Lent. After the tone-setting story of Jesus overcoming temptation, and a glimpse of the glory he was on his way to, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays deal with core meanings of conversion and renewal. This year, as is the option, we use the set of readings most directly about conversion: the tales of The Woman at the Well, The Man Born Blind, and Lazarus (and his sisters). These characters of course represent us in our efforts to come to full life, through faith in Christ. To bring them alive (and to break them up a bit) we'll divide up the characters with several voices, as is common and done with several approved texts.

The others who represent us in this journey of conversion are our two catechumens, preparing for Easter Baptism, and six baptized candidates who will enter our Catholic Communion. Starting this Sunday, we'll pray over them the ancient prayers of "Scrutiny": which here means, *searching* by the Spirit, a kind of *cleansing* of every sin or dark or empty place within. Obviously, these are not the only ones who need this! Let's let these prayers over them touch us in *our* seeking

You may now know, through your prayers last weekend, that our family has a special Lenten passage in trying to support our mother to her health. She was found to need a pacemaker, and after this was done almost two weeks ago, the ever-present blood-thinning medication resulted in bleeding beyond normal. It seemed she was on her way, but as of this writing (Wed.) this is still not resolved, and a further procedure may be necessary. Thanks for your prayers, and we are learning more about her amazing spirit which, though sometimes weary, finds strength to face yet another trial.

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** Mary Mertzluffit Social Justice Committee

On Saturday, after running errands I stopped at a donut shop. It was about 5:00 pm and the store was nearly empty. I overheard one of the teen-aged employees complain that she had taken the bus to work because her Mom had a hangover. Then she added, "and it's my birthday!" Trying not to judge, unaware of the circumstances, I nonetheless felt sad for her. She was not feeling special on her birthday. I prayed for her. We seldom know all that's happening in another's life. The Samaritan woman certainly had had her share of disappointment. She goes out to the well when she knows none of the other women will be there. How desperate she must have felt to be willing to alienate her neighbors, family and friends. What is she looking for in these many men? What did she hope they could fix within her? And we are surely capable of following the same pattern - looking to outside people or things to validate us, to affirm our dignity. We all have the demons that shadows create within us; unless we deal with them they have power over us. Time spent with Jesus in prayer helps us to put our lives in perspective, to deal with our demons and heal our wounds. Jesus encounters this woman who is thirsty for more than life offers. He ignores the social taboos (man/woman and Samaritan/Jew) to offer that living water. We have it available every day. With whom will we share our life-giving water today?

**Stewardship Reflections**

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’”

LUKE 13:7

Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back?



**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

It is time for School Registration again. If you would like to register your child at SMOS for the school year of 2007-2008, please contact the School Office at 776-7837.

**IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION.**

Any **Catholic** family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2007-2008 school year must obtain a “FACTS” application from the School Office. Students must attend a Parochial elementary School or an Archdiocesan, Regional or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is **April 1, 2007** and **must** include a copy of your **2006** Income tax return. If you have any questions, please call Cindy at 792-7060, and she will be happy to assist you.

**ATTENTION 5TH GRADERS**

St. Margaret’s would like to ask each of you for a favor and give you the opportunity of a wonderful experience. As 5th graders you are old enough to celebrate Mass as altar servers. We and your parents would be happy and proud to see you helping Fr. Tom during Mass. You may serve at the school Masses, the Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. and the Sunday Mass at 8 and 10 a.m. Also, if you choose, you may serve during holy days of Obligation, weddings and funerals. Anyone interested should have a parent call Joe Hagen at 773-0800. He will answer any questions and schedule training. Thank you!

**SVDP NEWS**

**Pantry Update** Our SVDP food pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, and canned tuna. Paper items such as kleenex, toliet tissue, and paper towels are always needed. Thanks for your continued support.

**Butter Braid Sales** The annual SVDP butter braid sales will take place after all masses March 17 & 18 and March 24 & 25. No pre-orders this time, just buy them on the spot! Don’t forget your checkbook. Rumor has it, most everyone has their freezer cleared out from last July’s power outage! Restock and enjoy delicious Apple, Cherry, Cream Cheese, or Cinnamon butter braid coffee cakes from \$9.50 each. Also, frozen cookie dough, 48 per case, will be sold \$12.50. Enjoy favorite selections of Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Peanut Butter, or White Chocolate Macadamia Nut. These will make great Easter gifts.

**CHILD PROTECTION AUDIT** The Archdiocese has just notified St. Margaret’s new Protecting God’s Children Coordinator, Carmela Garza, that we are going to be audited soon. So, it is time to make sure that all school and parish volunteers, coaches, scout leaders, employees, etc. documentation is current and up to date which includes the Workshop Class. You may be contacted by the parish coordinator to obtain pieces of information that might be missing from your file. Please help her in completing this task in a timely fashion. Thanks for your cooperation

**NEWS FROM THE NURSE**

*Cathy White, RN*

**St. John the Baptist Church will host "Stations of the Cross"** on Friday, March 16th at 1:30pm. The meditations for each station are very inspiring and geared towards the elderly. **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets Tuesday, March 13 at 7pm. Beginners welcome. We will gather at the Marr residence, 3830 Flad Ave. Call Cathy with ?'s - 776-0363. -Blood pressure screenings after Mass in the rear of Church on March 10/11.

**South Grand Senior Ministry** proudly presents High Tea & **THE MUNY March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 11:00 am to 1:00pm** Come hear about the history and workings of THE MUNY THEATER. Laura Peters Reilly, the marketing and publicity director, will share a slide presentation of the history of the Muny Theatre. Please join us for an afternoon of tea and treats, get a little dressed up, wear your favorite hat and bring your prized tea cup!! The cost is \$8. For reservations, call Tiffany at 314-353-9700

**Walk to Jerusalem Update** We have arrived in Uganda! Be sure to stop by the display in the Church Hall and see the photos of Father George’s family. From here we will make a stop in Egypt and then it’s on to Jerusalem for Holy Week. Only 2,200 more miles to go! We can do it!

**PTA TRIVIA KNIGHT**

Get a team of eight together to compete for cash prizes in the St. Margaret of Scotland PTA’s Trivia ‘Knight’ on Saturday, March 24. In addition to first, second and third place teams, prizes will be awarded to teams with the best theme and costumes and those with the best food layout. Players may enter to win raffles and gift bags. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and play begins at 7:00. Pre-registration is required. Early registration for tables of eight players costs \$120 per table on or before Monday, March 19. After that date, the registration fee goes up to \$150 per team. Checks should be made payable to St. Margaret of Scotland PTA and sent to the school office at 3964 Castleman, St. Louis, MO, 63110. Registration fees will cover the cost of beer, wine and set-ups. Proceeds will fund St. Margaret of Scotland School’s curriculum enrichment fund. For more information or to register, call the St. Margaret of Scotland School office at (314) 776-7837.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Job Well Done! We would like to congratulate Shannon Shaughnessy on earning her Girl Scouts’s, Catholic youth award, “I Live My Faith”. She will receive this on March 11th at the Cathedral. She was one of several girls in the area who completed this award. The girls made a pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Snows to attend mass and learn about bread and why it is used in the Eucharist. They are also working on two ongoing projects that benefits Cardinal Glennon and Our Little Haven. Nice job Shannon!

## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, 3/13**—PTA Exec 7p, School, Prayer Shawl 7p, Marr Home, Worship Committee 7:30p, RMR.  
**Wednesday, 3/14** Physical Plant 7p, RMR, Choir 7p, CH & Church  
**Thursday, 3/15** Eucharistic Ador., 9a-10p, Chapel  
**Friday, 3/16** School Mass, 8a, Brownies 2:30-5:30p, RB  
**Saturday, 3/17**—SVDP Gathering Place, 9a—noon, CH, 2nd Scrutiny 4:30 mass, RCIA 5:30 -7p, RMR  
**Sunday, 3/18**—DuBourgh 6:30p, CH

**Social Justice Update!** Lent is a season of sacrifice and renewal. This Lent we have a special opportunity to seek renewal by witnessing for peace and supporting our troops by working toward a swift end to the war in Iraq. Congress is preparing to vote on funding that will prolong that war. Please join the Occupation Project in a peaceful demonstration on Monday, March 12 from 4-6 p.m. near the office of Congressman Russ Carnahan, at the intersection of Manchester and Brentwood. A public witness sends a powerful message. Everyone is welcome! For more information call Kathy Puhr at 367-5280 or Stephanie Noecker at 537-7404.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** The message of Divine Mercy Sunday is that God wants us to turn to him with TRUST and REPENTENCE while there is still time for mercy before He comes as the just judge. This turning with trust to Him who is Mercy itself is the only source of peace for mankind. Turning to and imploring God's mercy is the answer the troubled world. There is no escaping that answer.



**We Need Books to Feed the Hungry!** The food pantry at St. Pius V (Grand & Utah) has been in continuous operation for 100 years. 50+ families per week receive staples such as milk, eggs, bread, soup, cereal, vegetables, etc. This spring there will be a book fair to benefit the food pantry. If you have any books that you would like to donate (no textbooks please) you can put these in the container located at the back of church on Sat/Sun March 17 & 18, and Sat/Sun March 24 & 25. For more information, please call Cathy at 865-0281. Thanks

**St. Mary Magdalen Parish**, 4323 S. Kingshighway is having a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent from 4:00—7:00 p.m. in the parish school hall. Dine in or Carry out. For more information please call Steve Jackson 629-3157.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. March 17th—4:30 p.m.  
 Darby Reynolds, Austin Beatty,  
 Ryan Kiernan

Sun. March 18th—8:00 a.m.

Madeline & Sami Hantak

Sun. March 18th—10:00 a.m.

John Barron, Alex Clemens, Kyle Bailey



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. March 17th—4:30 p.m.

Don Burrus, Elaine Burrus

Sun. March 18th—8:00 a.m.

Bob Herleth, Joyce Herleth, Cam Jansen, George Mills

Sun. March 19th—10:00 a.m.

Bob Waeltermann, Therese Noecker, Patty Duffy, Betty Andrews, Virginia Coates-Favron, Joe Hagen, Helen Halter, Julie Hesed, May Lisa Penilla



### LECTORS

Sat. March 17th—4:30 p.m.

Joe Iovanna, Judie Tucci

Sun. March 18th—8:00 a.m.

Angie Reitenbach, Tom Reitenbach

Sun. March 19th—10:00 a.m.

Prudence Kramer, John Merideth



### GREETERS FOR MARCH

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley,

Donna Schumacher

8:00 a.m. Earl & Martha Brake

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



### COFFEE & DONUTS 3/18/07

Donut Pick-up: John & Barb Lenzini

Coffee for March: Linda Holdinghaus

Donut Clean-Up: Betsy Lehman, Andy Wood



**DRIVERS** 3-17-07 John Lenzini

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 11 through March 18, 2007

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11  
 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4  
 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,6-7bc,8-9  
 Mt 18:21-35

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: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a,10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21  
 Lk 15:1-3,11-32