

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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



### **Monday, March 19th**

6:30 a.m. The Purgatorial Society

8:00 a.m. Florence "Jean" Leible

### **Tuesday, March 20th**

6:30 a.m. Timothy Sullivan

8:00 a.m. Sallie Mertens

### **Wednesday, March 21th**

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention

### **Thursday, March 22th**

6:30 a.m. Susan Lockrem

### **Friday, March 23th**

6:30 a.m. Dr. Harry Purcell

8:00 a.m. Ernestine F. Nilges

### **Saturday, March 24th**

4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

### **Sunday, March 25th**

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

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

From the  Pastor's Desk

# God Bless You This Lent...

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

Week of March 11, 2007 \$7,754.50

Average for FY 2007 \$7,339.47

Budgeted Average FY 2007 \$6,546.87

Envelopes Used 103

**SPRING APPEAL** – The change to Day Light Savings time signals that Spring is making its way into our lives. Not only is the Springtime of God's love for us, but it's time for the parish Spring Appeal. Already our parishioners have been responding generously through our first month of the drive. To date \$13,415 has been contributed by parishioners and past parishioners. At this rate we should be able to reach appeal goal of \$31,000. Watch the flowers bloom for each \$1,000 donated!

### **A Lenten Community Event**

Contemporary Catholic musician Matthew Baute will be offering a Lenten Prayer Concert in church on Tuesday, March 20, at 7pm. The evening will include Lenten gospel readings and a musical reflection on each reading. This will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration and reconciliation, accompanied by music to help promote meditation (7:30 – 8:00). Matthew is an artist with World Library Publications, a Catholic publisher of liturgical music. His gentle spirit is reflected in the style of music that he plays, effortlessly drawing the listener into prayer. Please join us for this unique opportunity during the Lenten season to experience God's grace and mercy through scripture, sacrament, and song.

**SHOPS**—Start your Easter shopping early—see a SHOPS volunteer after mass. We have the following gift cards available: Dierbergs, Shop & Save, SavALot, St. Louis Bread Company, Starbucks, Papa John's Pizza, Walgreens, Lowe's, Home Depot and Borders. SHOPS is looking for a couple more volunteers to sell gift cards after mass. If you could spare 30-45 minutes after Mass one Sunday or Saturday a month, please contact Cindy Riordan at 664-3885.

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

By Mary Mertzluft Social Justice Committee

Father Larry Gillick is a Jesuit priest and a highly respected spiritual director. He is also blind. At a retreat Larry shared that, growing up, his parents made him mow the lawn in two directions to make sure he did not miss any section of the yard. They feared he would use his blindness as a crutch in life. How hard it is for us to embrace our blindness, our vulnerable areas. In fact, our culture suggests we cover up every wrinkle and flaw on our face - and in our lives. Looking good is held out as the ideal for happiness; exposing our weakness is considered foolish. Despite the pain in our lives, we choose to hope and trust that God will "see" us through. To be sure, blindness is not good, but our wounds and difficulties can be used as a source of healing for ourselves and others. Sharing our stories of survival, we transform pain into grace. Whatever life brings us, whatever mistakes we have made or disappointments we have experienced, we can embrace our pain and allow it to change us for the better. Catholic Social teaching reminds us not to blind ourselves to injustice in our world and in our neighborhood. We must not become immune to events in our world, for that is the death of compassion. We must not sink into depression, overwhelmed by the reality of human suffering, for that is the death of hope. Let us make choices that protect the rights of all people through whatever means we possess. Let us use our power for good.

**Stewardship Reflections**

*“On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” JOSHUA 5:11-12*

This passage from Joshua may seem insignificant but it carries a most powerful message about the goodness and abundance of our Lord. Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is an important part of our spiritual growth and journey to learn to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

**SVDP NEWS**

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

**SVDP Butterbraid Sale** This weekend, and next, our St. Vincent De Paul Conference will be selling four flavors of delicious butter braid coffee cakes after mass in the Church Hall. Selections of Apple, Cherry, Cream Cheese and Cinnamon are available for \$9.50. Frozen cookie dough is also available for \$12.50 for 48 cookies. Please help support our ministry to the poor by restocking your freezer with these delicious goodies.

**NEWS FROM THE NURSE**

*Cathy White, RN*

The South Grand Senior Ministry (SGSM) is looking for volunteer drivers to take Seniors to their Doctor appointments. This is a great way to meet someone new and do service at the same time! Clients are scheduled for appts. on Tues., Wed., and Thurs only. You set the day and area you wish to drive to and from. Time commitment is no more than 3 hours once a month. For more info., call Cathy at the rectory. Volunteer once a month.

**Walk to Jerusalem Update** Thank-you for turning in your miles this past week. We're doing great and ahead of schedule! Hopefully the warmer weather will continue to motivate and keep us on track. This week we will tour the ancient city of Ephesus Turkey where Paul spent much time preaching ("Love is patient; love is kind etc.") and teaching. Be sure to check out our poster board for more details about this beautiful city.

**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.

**Congratulations** to Peter Rebholz, who has been inducted into the National Honor Society at St. Mary’s High School.



**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS AT SMOS**

Our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders spent a great deal of in-school and out-of-school time working on the science projects over the last months. Maybe you saw them while they were displayed in the church hall. Before our parishioners were welcomed to view the science projects, judges – scientists from Monsanto / Pfizer – spent Saturday carefully reading each project and judging each of them for their scientific worth. Only a certain number of projects can go onto the St. Louis Regional Monsanto Science Fair to compete with science projects from across St. Louis. Our students whose projects are going on are: **From Seventh Grade:** George Suggs, Hannah Franko, Alexandria Clemens, Bridget Kelleher, Madeline Pey, Jarret Banks, Katie Heagney, **From Fifth Grade:** Joseph Schneider, Leo Mitchell, Alec and Paul Hendrickson, Cullen Gerber and Collin Kuehn, Veronica White, Nick Conway, Aliana Souder. **From Fourth Grade:** Will and Ben DelaRoche, Franny Bruner and Emma Carreon, Kevin Thomas, Sarah Connolly, Theresa Schneider, Rollin Jackson, Beatrice Connaghan. Good luck at the St. Louis Regional Monsanto Science Fair

**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.

## Calendar of Events

**Monday, 3/19** Ladies Auxiliary 7pm CH, Chesterton  
7pm RB, Stewardship 7 pm RMR  
**Tuesday, 3/20**— Youth Ministry Lenten Service/Holy  
Hour/Reconciliation, Prayer Concert 7pm, Holy Hour and  
Confessions 7:30pm  
**Wednesday, 3/21** School Board Meeting 7pm RMR,  
Choir 7p, CH & Church  
**Thursday, 3/22** Eucharistic Ador., 9a-10p, Chapel  
**Friday, 3/23** School Mass, 8a, Stations of the Cross,  
Justice Oriented 6:30p, Church  
**Saturday, 3/24**—SVDP Gathering Place, 9a—noon, CH,  
PTA Trivia Knight 6:30 pm School Gym  
**Sunday, 3/25**—3rd Scrutiny 10am Mass, RCIA 11:30-  
1pm RMR, Adult Swing Dance, 5:30p, CH; DuBourgh  
Swing Dance 6:30p, CH

**Divine Mercy Sunday** What God wants most of us is to turn to Him with trust. The first act of trust is to *receive* his **Divine Mercy**. He wants us to live with trust in him in all circumstances because he is God, and he'll loves us. As Catholic Christians we can use the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be reconciled to God and to man. Lent is a great time to do this.



**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.

**German Concert at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Soulard** on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Located at 8th Street and Allen Street. Admission is free. A reception with the musicians will follow the concert. For more information, please call 231-9923.

**Spring 2007 Realty Showcase in Southwest Garden Neighborhood** will be on Sunday, March 25th from noon to 4 p.m. This is a free event for both attendees and participants. During those hours, you may pick up your Free Tour Map at the "drive-thru" at Southwest Bank on Southwest Ave. at So. Kingshighway. For additional information, please call Dana Gray at 772-6082 or email director@southwestgarden.org.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. March 24th—4:30 p.m.

Emily Mulligan, Tiara  
Fitzpatrick, Finny Beatty

Sun. March 25th—8:00 a.m.

Henry Schneider, Lisa Marx

Sun. March 25th—10:00 a.m.

Hannah Franko, Stephanie Barker, Kate Sudholt



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. March 24th—4:30 p.m.

Carol Engelmann, Sr. Mary Jo Ritter

Sun. March 25th—8:00 a.m.

Bob Herleth, Joyce Herleth, Cam Jansen, Gregory Kehr

Sun. March 25th—10:00 a.m.

Rick Blaes, Bridget Blaes, Deb Halter, Helen halter, Mimi Newsham Mahoney, Mary Lisa Penilla, Mary Jo Rhoda, Dorothy Wamser, Marg Schmitz



### LECTORS

Sat. March 24th—4:30 p.m.

Pat Bittick, Barb Betancourt

Sun. March 25th—8:00 a.m.

Don Burrus, Joe Iovanna

Sun. March 25th—10:00 a.m.

Suzanne Bruce, Stephanie Ramey



### 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 3/25/07

Donut Pick-up: Tom & Ginger Purcell

Coffee for March: Linda Holdinghaus

Donut Clean-Up: - Bob Waeltermann



**DRIVERS** 3-25-07 Betsy Mahony

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 18 through March 25, 2007

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29  
Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18  
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23  
Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11