

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Monday, September 24th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intentions

8:00 a.m. Margaret R. Herde

Tuesday, September 25th

6:30 am Florence R. Speas

8:00 a.m. Rose Wiles

Wednesday, September 26th

6:30 a.m. Aloise & Louise Herde Family

Thursday, September 27th

6:30 a.m. Raymond Austermann Sr.

Friday, September 28th

6:30 a.m. Marie Austermann

8:00 a.m. John Fletcher

Saturday, September 29th

4:30 p.m. The Purgatorial Society

Sunday, September 30th

8:00 a.m. Remo Beffa Sr.

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Weekly Collection for FY 2007

Week of September 16, 2007 \$5,770.00

Average for FY 2008 \$6,664.74

Budgeted Average FY 2008 \$7,909.62

102 Envelopes Used

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

SEPT. 22-23 LAY SPEAKERS FESTIVAL OF MINISTRIES

Please plan to stop in the Church Hall after Mass

SEPT. 29-30 INTENTION CARD SUNDAY!! Please return your Card with new or renewed intentions at Mass this weekend.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

It will be here at St. Margaret's Thursday, October 4th at 7pm in the Rectory Basement. **Must have reservations!** Limited seating. No walk-ins allowed. Please call the rectory at 776-0363 for a reservation.

RCIA TO START SOON



Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is invited to join the RCIA team for a coffee and a chat, next Sunday, September 30, after the 10:00 Mass. Although the RCIA program is designed as a formation to prepare adults for baptism, it is open to all inquirers. The program is rewarding for baptized Christians of other denominations and Catholics seeking a refresher course. Often non-Catholic spouses of Catholics want to know more about the beliefs and practices of their loved one. If you or someone close to you might be interested, drop by the Rectory meeting room on the 30th or call Peter Hesel at 776-0363.

Finally, there is just one **From the** **Pastor's Desk**

main focus to parish life these days: STEWARDSHIP. September can be so crazy, with so many things for all segments of the parish starting back up. Of course these things all still go on, but for a couple of weeks yet the dominant focus of the parish is STEWARDSHIP: the very basis of our parish, returning gifts of treasure, time and talent to God, through the parish. It's what makes everything else happen all year. It's fitting that for a short time we focus on the underlying choice we have always, to be generous to God in response to God's goodness to us. It's not a payback, but a response that can be as spontaneous as when a loved one graces us with gratuitous love of thoughtfulness.

It was good to reflect with you last Sunday on the infinite wealth of the Father distributed to us as unearned inheritance, as in the 2 sons of the Prodigal Son story. It doesn't determine what our choices should be, but it's the foundation, like that love and gratuitous generosity of loved ones, that can free us for generosity toward God and one another.

This will be concretized in filling out the INTENTION CARD mailed to you this week. On it, we each indicate the offertory gift and volunteer ministry we intend. This makes our decision of return gift to God tangible, and helps us to plan the parish's coming year. Whatever your gifts to the Lord out of return generosity, I hope you do the simple but reflective act of filling out this card, and returning it to Mass next week.

I hope you get a great spiritual peace out of this process.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Clare Lassiter

"I am not strong enough." These five words are powerful. These words reveal a story of how a person admits to himself/herself that he/she needs support. The support that the steward needs is to pay his master's loans to his debtors. The steward identifies what needs to be corrected in order to make his life manageable. So, how are we in the 21st century similar to the steward who needed help? The similarity that binds the steward and us is we are all broken. We are broken in the sense that we are always in need of support whether it be emotional, financial, or both. Sometimes, it is hard to acknowledge to ourselves that we need to have support. To acknowledge that we need support indicates that we are weak. Being weak is related to being flawed. Therefore, it is often easier to find strength in ourselves than confess we are not perfect.

The steward is a strong character in this story. He makes a confession that he is not strong enough to fix this problem. He is showing that he has a flaw in himself. His flaw is being vulnerable. He is divulging that he is unsure of how to fix the problem. He is being completely honest with himself. This is a trait that is remarkable to find in a person. If only we can be this honest with ourselves in the same way that the steward is honest with himself.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS— “Thus says the Lord the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortable on their couches ...” AMOS 6:1,4

Are we the complacent in our own time, enjoying our luxuries while others are in need? Stewardship calls us to consider how God wants us to use our blessings before we spend all our time, talent and treasure to indulge our own wants.



CONFIRMATION

There is a program that is arranged through the South Side PSR to help kids prepare for confirmation. If you are a non-school SMOS family, and have a child between the 6th and 12th grade that you would like to be confirmed, please call the Rectory at 776-0363.



SMOS REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 1953

Will be on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 10am Mass; and followed by a picnic at Clydesdale Park in South County from noon—6pm. To RSVP or for more information contact Mike Watkins at 968-0816 mandmwatki@aol.com or Theresa Cova Szwabo 721-6338 or Kathleen Cummings Kearns 567-1968 or smos1953reunion@yahoo.com.

SIGN UP FOR SCOUTING

Come join Scouting Pack and Troop 110 chartered by SMOS. We will hold a *Join Scouts Night* on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Boys in 1st - 5th grade may join Cub Scouts and boys in 6th grade and above may join Boy Scouts. Some of the planned events for cub scouts this year are outdoor cooking, camping, caving and hiking. Scouts is a great way for boys to gain a variety of experiences, develop self confidence and leadership skills. For more information contact Janet Braun, Cub Master, 771-4030 or braun.robert@sbcglobal.net.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE Cathy White RN



Sept. 23: Senior Health Fair at Epiphany Parish gym from 9-2pm. The Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is having its first Senior Health Fair! There will be a variety of vendors, blood pressure and sugar screenings, healing touch demonstrations. Also there is a brown bag pharmacy, so bring all your medicines, both prescribed and over the counter, as well as any vitamins or supplements you take to be looked at by a pharmacist. It's free and open to all.

Computer Tip: Do you use the computer a great deal? Check yourself of proper hand positioning when using your keyboard.

Keep your wrists in as neutral a position as possible – not flexed downward or extended upward. To check, place your wrist, palm down, on a flat, hard surface. Place a Band-Aid lengthwise over the top of your wrist, and then move to your keyboard and type. If the Band-Aid stretches or goes slack, your wrists aren't in a neutral position. (*Aching Hands: Strategies for Strong, Pain-free Hands*, Harvard Healthbeat Supplement, February 2007).



SCHOOL NEWS By Julie Hesed

School News

Congratulations to Jeremy Auch. He has received a generous scholarship in the form of a tuition grant for the next two years from the permanent deacons of the St. Louis Archdiocese. Criteria to earn the scholarship included regular church attendance and living up to faith expectations. Jeremy, with his 7th grade class, will soon begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Academically, Jeremy is expected to attend school regularly, be punctual, maintain his excellent grades, and show respect for family, teachers and friends. Parishioners who know Jeremy know that this scholarship is well earned. The scholarships were given to individual students who attend north and south city Catholic schools. Many thanks go to our own Deacon candidate Joe Iovana and all the deacons of this Archdiocese for supporting our educational efforts and our students.



SVDP 5TH ANNUAL BIG NIGHT

This is your last opportunity to purchase a ticket to the SVDP 5th Annual Big Night – this year featuring *S.V.D.P. Variety – A Stupendous Vaudeville and Dining Phenomenon*, on September 29th beginning at 6:30p.m. in the Church Hall. See a Vincentian member right after mass to purchase your tickets today. Tickets are \$75 which includes a gourmet dinner by Cravings, a wonderful show, drinks, and opportunities to support our SVDP ministry in serving those less fortunate in our parish neighborhood. VIP tickets are \$250. Tables of eight can be reserved. If you can't attend the event, consider purchasing 50/50 Raffle tickets or a chance for two season tickets for the 2007-08 Fox Theater Broadway Series which will also be on sale. Or consider taking out an ad in the event program. Quarter-page ads start at \$30. A great way to show your support. For more information call Jeff at 776-2204.



GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER

RUMMAGE SALE

Next weekend a truck will be available on 39th Street to collect items for the Gavin Outreach Center Rummage Sale on October 6 & 7 – clothes, books, kitchen ware, toys, decorative items, small furniture, etc. will be accepted from 2:00p.m. to 5:30p.m. on Saturday, September 29th and from 7:30a.m. until noon on Sunday, September 30th. If you want to drop off your items direct at the Gavin Center, 3135 Lafayette Ave., please feel free to do so on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. And while you are getting rid of those old treasures, if you have any unneeded children's Halloween costumes, please place them in the wooden boxes at the back of church for our annual SVDP Coats and Costumes Party scheduled for October 28th.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Workers are needed to scrape, prime and paint/stain the side railing and front door archways of church. Dates and times can be worked out to your needs. Please contact Mike or Mary Brake at 776-5311 if you can help.

Calendar of Events

Monday, 9/24– Parish Council 7p RMR, Youth Chorus 7p School
Tuesday, 9/25– Boy Scouts 7p School
Wednesday, 9/26– Athletic Assoc. 7p RB, Finance 7:30p RMR, Choir 7:15 p, Church & CH
Thursday, 9/27– Eucharist Adoration 9a-10p Side Chapel
Friday, 9/28– All School Mass 8a
Saturday, 9/29–SVDP Big Nite 6:30p CH
Sunday, 9/30– Adult Ed 9-10a RB, Class 1953 Reunion 10a Mass, Highlander 11:15a RB, RCIA 11:30 RMR, DuBourg Swing Dancers 6:30-8p CH



ADULT ED - FALL SESSION

Our fall Adult Ed session starts two weeks from today. Our program is titled "What's The Difference?: A Look at All the Different Christian Denominations". Look for the bright pink flyers in the back of church for details, and please join us for the Sundays from Oct 6 through Nov 4, from 9:00 to 9:50 in the rectory basement. - Agnes McKernan



MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE DAY

On Saturday, October 13, Macy's is sponsoring "Shop for a Cause Day." Get your ticket from a SHOPS volunteer or in the church or school office for just a \$5.00 donation (SMOS keeps 100% of the funds we raise from ticket sales.) You MUST have a ticket to shop at Macy's on this day. Your ticket entitles you to 20% off all regular, sale and clearance apparel, jewelry, housewares, etc. AND 10% off all furniture AND a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree! \$10 off a single item coupons will be given out in the store. Get tickets today. If you'd like some tickets to sell to family, friends and co-workers who also love to shop, contact Cindy Riordan at 664-3885 or clanriordan@charter.net



SMOS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It will be on Sunday, December 2nd in the church basement after the 8am and 10am Masses. Any organization or individual is welcome to have a table. For information call Peggy Redfearn at 664-5895.

Community News

PLEASE NOTE: The following notices have been approved by Fr. Tom or the Rectory Staff.

PART-TIME JOB

We need a part time cook for five priests (Jesuits at St. Louis U. High). It would be Monday—Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Private home at #3 Lawn Place (63110). Some minor household duties required. \$15 per hour. If you are interested, call Fr. Tom Cummings at 531-0330.

CARONDELET COMMUNITY EXPO

Taste of Carondelet will be on Oct. 6th from 9:30am—1 pm at St. Cecelia's School gym on 906 Eichelberger.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. September 29th—4:30 p.m.

Kyle Bailey, Christian Blouin-Weers

Sun. September 30th—8:00 a.m.

Paul Hendrickson, Clair Mulligan, David Mitchell

Sun. September 30th—10:00 am

Nick Conway, Kieran Connelly, Stephen Hagen



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. September 29th—4:30 p.m.

Tom Purcell, Therese Noecker

Sun. September 30th—8:00 a.m.

Bob Herleth, Donnell Moore

Sun. September 30th—10:00 a.m.

Julie Gryskiewicz, Deb Halter, Helen Halter, Dorothy Wamser, David Richardson, Richard Buthod, Virginia Coates-Favron, Bob Kramer, Julie Jones



LECTORS

Sat. September 29th—4:30 p.m.

Ginger Purcell, George Mills

Sun. September 30th—8:00 a.m.

Joyce Herleth, McGraw Milhaven

Sun. September 30th—10:00 a.m.

John Merideth, Prudence Kramer



GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake

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



COFFEE & DONUTS 09/30/07

Donut Pick-up: Linda Holdinghaus

Coffee for September: Judy Tucci/Kathy Waeltermann

Donut Clean-Up: Linda Holdinghaus



DRIVERS

09-29-07 Bob Herleth

09-30-07 Gary Pey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 23 through September 30, 2007

Sunday: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2,4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13 or 16-10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4,7-8 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a

Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Am 6:1a,4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31