

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Monday, October 8th

6:30 a.m. Marie Austermann
8:00 a.m. Catherine Huhn

Tuesday, October 9th

6:30 am Raymond Austermann Sr.
8:00 a.m. The Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, October 10th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention

Thursday, October 11th

6:30 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell

Friday, October 12th

6:30 a.m. August & Mae Meyer
8:00 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, October 13th

4:30 p.m. Ross & Katie Noecker "Happy Anniversary"

Sunday, October 14th

8:00 a.m. Catherine Kuhn
10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Next Saturday at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, Fritz McAvoy and Jenny Gordon will exchange their wedding vows. This will be a Sunday liturgy as always, with their vows integrated into the service.

There will be NO 8:00 am Mass on Friday, October 12th.

Fr. Tom will be on retreat this week returning Friday, October 12th at noon.

Weekly Collection for FY 2007

Week of September 30, 2007	\$5,988.65
Average for FY 2008	\$6,631.27
Budgeted Average FY 2008	\$7,909.62
115 Envelopes Used	

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

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

All women of the parish and SMOS school moms! We are having our meeting on Monday October 15th in the Church basement. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., refreshments will be offered. There will be a quick meeting, dessert, drinks, and good company? Also, September's raffle winners are: \$100-Dan Martin \$25-Carolyn Sue Cecil \$25-Mike Diehl

Thanks for your participation so far in our Stewardship Campaign. We've had preaching and lay witness, and the FestiVALL of Ministries. Now it's the fruitful time of receiving your household Intention Card. Some brought them to church last weekend; we hope many more will this weekend. The Committee decided again this year to wait for the second weekend before making reminder calls. I'll let you know what percentage of returned cards we get. Keep in mind that, whether you are making a change or not in your offertory gift or volunteer ministry, filling out your card is an important reflection moment, and getting it is important to our parish planning.



BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all involved for the St. Vincent DePaul Big Night last Saturday! It was just a great evening. Lots of parish talent, and a few others who came from elsewhere to augment our own talent pool. The Vaudeville theme made it easy to perform and enjoy a variety of acts, and the food and drink was outstanding. It's our own way of giving major support to a key part of our mission—to serve the poor and needy around us.

CONGRATS too, to many of our parishioners who are key to the Shaw Art Fair this weekend. I look forward to it both days.

This week is the time for my annual retreat. It's been a *very* busy August and September, and while I'm glad I'm used, I look forward to some undistracted time with some source reading, including John of the Cross seen by contemporary writers. I invite you to join me by some moments of quiet reflection on your favorite sources, of just quiet listening in prayer.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION by Jennifer Hamlet

At times, I am overwhelmed by the evil, danger, destruction and horror of our world. I think, how can I be expected to do anything? Like the prophet Habakkuk, I want to cry to the Lord, "Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?" I seem so small and insignificant next to poverty, racial discord, violence, tyranny, and war. Surely I can't be expected to do anything about them. Shouldn't that be somebody else's job—the mayor, or governor, or president, or Congress? Wait, I've figured it out—God, it's your world, YOU fix it!

Then I encounter this reading. That's not what God says. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the work of the servant—of His disciples—is never done. WE are representatives of God here on earth. WE are His disciples. WE are responsible. That means I am responsible. This realization brings me back to the question of what I can do compared to the evils of this world.

Edmund Burke famously said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men [and women!] to do nothing." When I pair this observation with today's readings, I am reminded that ultimately, I must be willing to act. Maybe I can't end war or poverty, but I can act responsibly toward my fellow citizens. I can reflect God's will in how I raise my children. I can treat all people around me with respect. I can donate time and money to improve the lives of the poor around me. If I do my part, small though it may be, I can help to bring God's Kingdom to earth. It is, after all, each of us that can make a difference.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS — “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control.” 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

A good steward cannot be a coward. It takes strength, love and self-control to put God first in our lives. St. Paul assures us that we have been given the courage we need to do God’s work.

★ **ADULT ED - FALL SESSION**

★ Our fall Adult Ed program titled "What's The Difference?: A Look at All the Different Christian Denominations" begins today with "Early Christian Diversity". Next week we will examine the Protestant Reformation and the denominations that formed as a result. Look for the bright pink flyers in the back of church for details, and please join us for the Sundays from Oct 7 through Nov 4, from 9:00 to 9:50 in the rectory basement. You are welcome to join us for one, some, or all sessions. - Agnes McKernan

★ **LECTORS**

★ This year, the parish is encouraging our lectors to use the "Workbook for Lectors" when they prepare to read. The parish is subsidizing the purchase of these materials and they're available to all lectors for \$5 if you reply by Oct. 28th. Check your mail for an order form or contact Greg Rohde at 771-5975 or grjmj@swbell.net.

★ **MARRIAGE SPONSOR COUPLES WANTED**

★ St. Margaret is looking for Sponsor couples interested in “Today and All the Days of Your Life Marriage preparation program” for those preparing for marriage. The Archdiocese is holding a one day training session on Nov. 3rd. The Office of Laity & Family Life will be happy to send you a kit containing videos, facilitator guide and couple workbook to prepare for this workshop. If interested, please call the rectory at 776-0363.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE Cathy White RN

It’s apple picking time! Here’s a great recipe from our SMOS dietician, Kitty Quinn. Try using any baking apple such as Golden Delicious, Rome, or Granny Smith.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Step One: Mix ingredients together and set aside.

1/3 c. dried cherries, chopped

3 tbl. chopped almonds

1 tbl. wheat germ

1 tbl. brown sugar

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg .

Step Two: 6 small Golden Delicious apples. (1 3/4 lb.)

1/2 c. apple juice

2 tbl. dark honey

2 tsp. walnut oil or canola oil

Core each apple (can leave unpeeled) from the stem end stopping 3/4 inch from the bottom. Divided the cherry mixture evenly among the apples, pressing the mixture gently into each cavity. Arrange apples in small baking dish; pour apple juice and water into pan. Drizzle honey and oil evenly over apples. Cover pan snugly with aluminum foil and bake until apples are tender, approx. 50-60 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Drizzle with pan juices before serving.

SCHOOL NEWS

By Ms. Hesel

Dragons will amaze you! A recent challenge for the school children has been to find the Prophet Micah’s quote scatted throughout the school buildings: “Only this is asked: to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.” When found in print somewhere in the buildings the class gets to be the Keeper of the Dragon for the day. Almost everyone has found the passage in print—the obvious places were framed and carefully hung in each building where every student travels often.

But, our sixth graders have been amazing. They have searched out the passage in places that no one else has looked. They were the first to find it on the main bulletin board in the front foyer, it’s on a book being held by the bear. They were the first to find it actually in its home—in the bible on the prayer table in the cafeteria. They may have been the only students to find it in Mrs. Dowd’s office. And then, one of our Sixth graders found it in a song we often sing at Mass, *We Are Called*. Those dragons, just when you think they have reached their potential, they take it up a notch!

SMOS School Walk-A-Thon will be on October 20th in Tower Grove Park. The proceeds will be used for various operation expenses during the 2007-2008 school year. So look for a school parent or a child in the school and pledge some money towards their participation in the School Walk-A-Thon.

HIGHLANDER DANCE

The plans for this year’s Highlander Dance are quickly coming together! We are very pleased to announce the following:

Our theme will be "Over There" to celebrate not only our Scottish Heritage but to also pay tribute to our military servicemen.

- Dinner and dessert will be catered by the renowned "Cravings."
- The band for the evening is "Fanfare" featuring vocalist Kitty Moller.
- A Cabaret lounge starring St. Margaret's own sultry singer "Liz Zempel" will be available for a small fee.

Invitations to the Saturday, November 10th event will be mailed this week so don't delay and miss all the fun *over there on Castleman*. Also, please be generous when purchasing those raffle tickets.

Lastly, the response for volunteers has been very good but we still need more help. Please call Cindy Martin (487-3102) if you wish to join us in putting together this memorable event.

SVDP THANK YOU

The 5th SVDP Big Night was a huge success thanks in part to many, many talented and dedicated musicians, choir members, and entertainers under direction of the ever-creative Peter Hesel; dozens of Vincentian volunteers and confirmation class students who planned, sold tickets, decorated, set up, served and cleaned up, took pictures, etc.; SMOS’s very own chef Tim Brennan; our own Fr. Tom and his friend Jerry; many supportive merchants; and lots of very generous parishioners and attendees of the event. It was truly a *Stupendous Vaudeville and Dining Phenomenon!* Thank you for your support of another great SVDP event. Jeff Goldone

Calendar of Events

Monday, 10/8— Physical Plant Mtg. 7p RB, Youth Choir 7p School, Archdiocesan Coalition 6th grade parent mtg 7p
Tuesday, 10/9— PTA Exec 7p School, Prayer Shawl 7p at Marr residence, Worship Comm. 7:30 RMR, Christian Formation 7:30p RB, SVDP Officer and Coordinators 7p GOC
Wednesday, 10/10— Choir 7:15p Church & CH
Thursday, 10/11— Eucharist Adoration 9a-10p Side Chapel, PTA Fall Parent Mtg gym
Friday, 10/12— No School
Saturday, 10/13— SVDP Rummage Sale 8-12 GOC
Sunday, 10/14 Adult Ed 9-10 RB, Social Justice 11:30—1p RMR, RCIA 11:30 RB, 11:15 Highlander Sitting Room, SVDP Rummage Sale 8-12 GOC, DuBourg Swing Dancers 6:30-8p CH



TAKE NOTE

We're Getting Married! To everyone in the parish, please join us at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret's, where we will exchange wedding vows next Saturday, October 13th. Because you have welcomed us into this great worshipping community, we want each of you to consider joining us at Mass to celebrate the beginning of our new life Together!
 Jenny Gordon and Fritz McAvoy



SVDP COATS & COSTUMES PARTY

If you would like to participate in this event, we would love your help. We hope to provide new winter coats and gently used Halloween costumes to 80 needy children in our parish neighborhood this year. (The parishioners of Christ, Prince of Peace, who twin with our conference on a regular basis, have donated \$1,000 for this event.) New winter coats, gently used Halloween costumes, or cash donations are needed to make the event successful. For more details call Prudence at 771-4820.



SVDP PANTRY NEEDS

Our pantry shelves are getting extremely bare and our surplus of Boy Scout canned goods is exhausted. Please remember the friends we visit each week when you are doing your own grocery shopping. Items we need are: cereal, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, pasta & sauce, canned tuna, soups, vegetables, fruit, and juices, cleaning items of toilet tissue, facial tissue, foil or film wrap, diapers, laundry soap, dish soap, personal hygiene items of toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo and bar soap. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. October 13th—4:30 p.m.
 Ryan Kiernan, Stephanie Barker
Sun. October 14th—8:00 a.m.
 David Mitchell, Peter Salsich
Sun. October 14th— 10:00 am
 Stephanie Barker, Darby Reynolds, Kate Sudholt



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. October 13th—4:30 p.m.
 Tom Ward, Becky Ward
Sun. October 14th—8:00 a.m.
 Joyce Herleth, Bob Herleth
Sun. October 14th—10:00 a.m.
 Sr. Mary Jo Ritter, Dana Miles, Rose Mary Murphey, CSJ, Rick Blaes, Greg Rohde, Joe Hagen, Julio Zegarra-Ballon, Suzanne Bruce, Rob Garavaglia



LECTORS

Sat. October 13th—4:30 p.m.
 Therese Noecker, Bob Malon
Sun. October 14th—8:00 a.m.
 Judie Tucci, Bob Waeltermann
Sun. October 14th—10:00 a.m.
 Pat McGovern, Richard Buthod



GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley
8:00 a.m. Martha Brake
10:00 a.m. Kay Reid & Betty Schneider



COFFEE & DONUTS 10/14/07

Donut Pick-up: John & Barb Lenzini
 Coffee for October: Mary Ann Gadell
 Donut Clean-Up: Rick & Mary Clemens



DRIVERS 10-13-07 Betsy Mahony
 10-14-07 Sean Thomas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

October 7 through October 14, 2007

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2,6-9
 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1-2;2,11 (Ps) Jon 2:2-5,8
 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4ab,7-8 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6,9-10 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:5-13

Friday: J1 1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: J1 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13
 Lk 17:11-19