

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Monday, November 19th

6:30 a.m. John Fritz "Happy Birthday"

8:00 a.m. Deceased Linders Family

Tuesday, November 20th

6:30 am The Purgatorial Society

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, November 21st

6:30 a.m. Francis J. & Marie Gilsinn

Thursday, November 22nd Thanksgiving (Rectory closed)

9:00 a.m. August A. Meyer Jr.

Friday, November 23rd (Rectory closed)

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, November 24th

4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

Sunday, November 25th

8:00 a.m. Stephanie Noecker

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Weekly Collection for FY 2007

Week of November 11, 2007 \$6,462.00

Average for FY 2008 \$6,963.80

Budgeted Average FY 2008 \$7,909.62

105 Envelopes Used

Note

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
This week, the Rectory will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:30a—1:30p and 4:30p—8:30p. The Rectory will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.



We will celebrate this national day of thanks with Mass at 9:00 a.m. On that day we are asking parishioners to bring canned goods and other staples for stocking our St. Vincent DePaul pantry. At the offertory time, all will be invited to bring monetary gifts and canned goods forward. Please remember our poor throughout the year with canned goods and staples by using the SVDP donation boxes in the rear of church. And, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Thanksgiving

Today

ORGAN CONCERT TODAY

The First in our exciting series of free organ concerts is TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 at 3:00 p.m. Extraordinary young concert artist, Zach Hemenway comes to us from the Yale Institute for Sacred Music. His extremely varied program will show off the beauty of our new instrument as well as his brilliant music skill. Light refreshments follow. Thank you to members of the St. Margaret of Scotland legal community who are generously underwriting the cost of this concert.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting is Monday Nov. 19th at 7pm in the Church basement. Refreshments will be offered.

From the



We are in the midst of an ongoing celebration of our identity, as a parish. This is in large part because of the feast (this past Friday) of our patron, St. Margaret. Last Saturday evening's **Highlander** was the 30th celebration of this event, always near her feast. It was a grand night, with about 250 people attending; and great food; and music and dancing worthy of King David. The festive air was tangible. Congratulations and thanks go to Tom Purcell for heading this up, and his committee members. We also know there is leadership ready for next year's party. Friday the **School community** led a beautiful Eucharistic celebration of Margaret, including a creative skit. Then parents and grandparents were part of activities and songs in the school.

AND, this afternoon (Sunday) is our first **ORGAN CONCERT**, chosen again to be close to Margaret's feast. The very talented Zach Hemenway, who grew up in St. Simon's Parish, is coming in from organ studies at Yale just for this event.

Given the Highlander's World War I theme, I gave as a meal prayer words that Teilhard deChardin composed when he was living in the trenches with the soldiers, and I include it by request:

Since, Lord, I your priest have today neither bread nor wine nor altar, I will extend my hands over the totality of the universe and take its immensity as the material for my sacrifice. Is not the infinite circle of things the final Host that you want to transform? I, your priest, will make the whole earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world. In the very depths of our toil and pain You have implanted a desire, irresistible, hallowing, which makes us cry out, believer and unbeliever alike:


"LORD, MAKE US ONE!"


SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by Kathleen Puhr


Fires in California, flooding in Mexico, drought in the Southeastern states, chaos in the Middle East, economic upheaval in the United States: could the end indeed be near? We could frighten ourselves with all the threats to our mortality and to the existence of our planet; we could live hunkered down in a fortress of fear. But such is not the way of Christ. Today's readings are not about Apocalypse Now but rather about our daily, even hourly, struggle to walk in Jesus' steps. We strive to resist the materialism that our culture values and to recognize that "things" mean nothing. We attempt to be "in the world but not of the world." As Paul reminds us, we must keep working and living an orderly life so as not to burden others; simply sitting around and waiting for the end of the world is neither practical nor Christian. So we do our work and love others with a profound sense of gratitude and with a keen awareness of how precarious our very lives are. Mother Ann Lee, founder of the Shakers, gave this advice: "Live every day as though you had a thousand years to live, and as you would if you knew that you must die tomorrow." Her recommendation—that we embrace a sort of "double consciousness" about life—is our challenge. As Luke's gospel reminds us, we can persevere by keeping our eyes on the prize and our ears attuned to Jesus' words.


STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS — *“It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.”* 2 MACCABEES 7:11
We are reminded in Maccabees that everything we have is a gifts to God so that ultimately we may have the greatest of gifts in our eternal reward.


 **SCHOOL ANNUAL GIVING**
As in past year, school families have received a request for a gift to the Annual Fund. This is an important part of our parish and school budget, as the actual education cost per child exceeds tuition by over \$500. All families, Catholic and non-Catholic, are being asked to participate.


 **THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
“Are any among you sick? They should call for the presbyters of the church, and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well. And if they have committed sins, these will be forgiven.” James 5:14


A communal celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be held during the 4:30 Mass on December 1, the Saturday anticipatory Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent. The sacrament is available to anyone who is in danger by reason of illness or old age. The sacrament may be repeated when a person faces a new illness, or a worsened state, or when a chronic condition warrants repetition of the sacrament.
“Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.”


 **THE COMMEMORATIVE COURT**
By now all parish families should have received a mailing about the brick paver project. If you want to participate in the first phase by sponsoring a brick, please return the form to the parish office by the end of the year. If you have questions, call Peter Hesed at the parish office (776-0363) or speak with a representative of the Commemorative Court Committee at the display in the back of church.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE Cathy White RN
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As Seniors get older it is harder for them to keep up with their homes. *South Grand Senior Minstry's Job Squad* was incorporated to help with needs like gutter cleaning, replacing smoke detector batteries, minor plumbing, weatherization and more!
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We Need You
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Volunteers are needed. Experience is great but not necessary – if you can change a light bulb, we need you! This is a great opportunity for both men and women to reach out and touch the life of a senior in the area. Volunteers would offer their time and skills only once a month, performing the service in a single visit. **See Denise after Mass to sign up or call her at 314.353.9700 for more information.**
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 **MEET ANOTHER SMOS DRAGON**
Previously you met our oldest dragon, now we would like you to meet one of our youngest dragons. Molly is Mrs. Gentsch's Montessori's dragon. She is well known for being respectful, kind and polite, and tries to teach those good characteristics to her Montessori students. Molly has neon green wings, great for taking flight when she feels like sailing through the skies. Molly has an iridescent green belly and a bright blue body; she is beautiful even on gloomy days. Molly has spikes on the tip of her tail which she never uses to hurt another dragon or child. And, she has fabulous red horns that show her power and strength as a dragon. Choosing Molly's name was no easy feat for Mrs. Gentsch's Montessori children. There were great long conversations, elaborate voting procedures (which could match any US presidential campaign), much disagreement and finally agreement. In the process of naming Molly, the children were able to practice their own qualities of respectfulness, kindness, and politeness.

 **DRAGONTALER NEWSLETTER**
If you did not receive a copy of the alum newsletter "DRAGONTALER", please pick up a copy in church today and if you know a St. Margaret's school alum who is not receiving this newsletter, please forward the name/address (including 8th grade class year) to the parish website or e-mail Mary Robbins: robbinsms@hotmail.com. All alum news, reunion notices, etc. should be forwarded to same addresses for publication in Spring 2008 issue.

 **SMOS TURKEY BOWL SOCCER GAME**
Don't miss this great St. Margaret's Thanksgiving tradition – join us for the **Annual 8th Grade vs. Adults Soccer Game** on Thanksgiving Day, immediately after the 9:00 Mass. David Juedemann's powerful, perennial playoff 8th Grade Boys team will face the impromptu All-Star team of SMOS adult men and women, at **Tower Grove Park (field S5 at Klemm and Magnolia)** beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m. Adult soccer players of all skill levels are welcome and needed to *teach our 8th grade boys one last lesson in humility.* Bring your families, friends and neighbors – no signing up, just come to the park after Mass on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate and give thanks for our beautiful park, our kids, and the adults who coach them. For more information, call Pete Salsich at 776-7637 or Pat Bittick at 865-0612.

 **ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE PARISH!**
The Ladies Auxiliary is hosting its annual Christmas Party!
WHEN: Tuesday December 4th
WHERE: Pietro's Restaurant
TIME: Congregate at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m.
COST: \$25
BRING: Christmas ornaments (optional) for exchange
RESERVATION DUE: Tuesday, November 27th
Call Peggy Redfearn at 664-5895 or
Email: Peggy Redfearn <predfearn@yahoo.com>

Calendar of Events

Monday, 11/19– Ladies Aux. 7p CH, Chesterton 7p RB, Youth Chorus 7p School

Wednesday, 11/21– Choir, 7:15p Church & CH

Thursday, 11/22– **Thanksgiving Day Mass 9a**, Eucharist Adoration 9a-10p Side Chapel, Rectory & School closed.

Friday, 11/23– Rectory & School closed

Sunday, 11/25– DuBourg Swing Dancers 6:30-8p CH



HIGHLANDER UPDATE

We can't thank enough this year's Highlander Organizers. They did a terrific job making the whole event such a success. Thanks also to parishioners and friends who purchased raffle tickets. This year's winners are: Agnes McKernan won \$1000; Nancy Ford won the Cottage Weekend; and James Gormley won \$250. Congratulations to all the winners.



GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER TOY SALE

The toy sale will take place on December 8th and 9th. The Center is requesting donations of new or gently used toys to help make this annual event a success. Those clients we assist at the Center, or through our SVDP, are invited to purchase toys for their children at a reduced cost, making Christmas affordable for them and their families. All proceeds are used to purchase food items for the Christmas basket program. Please place all items in the wooden boxes at the back of church by December 2nd.



SVDP & GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER GIVING TREE

The annual parish Giving Tree, adorned with Christmas gift ideas for those we serve through our SVDP or at the Gavin Outreach Center, will be appearing December 1st and 2nd. Be thinking of how your family can help by donating practical items that can be put to good use, blankets or sets of sheets, grocery certificates, gloves & scarves, underwear or socks, toys, etc. Start a new family tradition of adopting an entire family and provide for their needs? Please call Prudence Kramer at 771-4820 for more information.



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

FAMILY PRAYERS AND RITUALS

Nov. 28th, from 7p—9p, Dr. Barbara Blackburn will present part of a Speakers Series entitled "Wednesday Wisdom" being held at The Cardinal Rigali Center. It is \$5 a person. Call 792-7183 for reservations.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. November 24th—4:30 p.m.

Darby Reynolds, Dominic Civettini,
Gabe Miller

Sun. November 25th—8:00 a.m.

Austin Beatty, Kevin Thomas, Claire
Mulligan

Sun. November 25th— 10:00 am

Peter Salsich, Sonya McCanna, Leo Mitchel



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. November 24th—4:30 p.m.

Gregory Kehr, Carmela Garza

Sun. November 25th—8:00 a.m.

Joyce Herleth, Bob Herleth

Sun. November 25th—10:00 a.m.

Jerrold Gerstner, Linda Holdinghaus, Patty Duffy, Mary
Lisa Penilla, Dorothy Wamser, Kristen Ritter, Julie
Gryskiewicz, Joe Hagen, Julie Hesel



LECTORS

Sat. November 24th—4:30 p.m.

Rich Moser, Anne Hagen

Sun. November 25th—8:00 a.m.

Tom Keller, Barb Blaes

Sun. November 25th—10:00 a.m.

Julie Collignon, Rob Garavaglia



GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake

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



COFFEE & DONUTS 11/25/07

Donut Pick-up: Tom & Ginger Purcell

Coffee for November: Linda Holdinghaus

Donut Clean-Up: Sean & Cheryl Thomas



DRIVERS

11-24-07 Bob Herleth

11-25-07 David Richardson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

November 18 through November 25, 2007

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2 Thes 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Ps
119:53,61,134,150,155,158 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-8 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Ps 17:1,5-6,8b,15
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4,6,16b,19
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43