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BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE: Mon. by 4:00 pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

Calling all women of the parish! Ladies Auxiliary is having its meeting on Mon., Jan. 21 in the Church Hall. Our meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., and refreshments will be offered. All women of the parish and SMOS school moms welcome!

Also, get your raffle tickets in to the Ladies Auxiliary as soon as possible – drawings for the new year start at our January meeting!

Note **HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Rectory and School will be closed on Monday, January 21st in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

PARISH INFORMATION

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome all new families and individuals. Please call the rectory to register or see one of the priest after Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Emergency Assistance Call 289-6101, Box #1164

TRANSPORTATION: Need a ride to the 4:30 or 10 Mass? Call Cathy White 776-0363, ext. 13.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD For those in K-2nd grade at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM Please call the rectory for information.

MARRIAGE Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months before their intended date, and before any reservations/deposits.

COMMUNION CALLS Please call the rectory to request Holy Communion if someone is unable to attend church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the church chapel. Contact Therese Noecker, 776-7636. or Carmela Garza, 517-8311.

HOSPITAL VISITS/ANOINTING OF SICK
 Please call the rectory if you or a family member is hospitalized or if you want Anointing of the Sick.

FATHER GAVIN OUTREACH CENTER
 771-9411: Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

6TH ANNUAL SVDP MARDI GRAS PARTY

Time is running out to purchase tickets to the 6th Annual SVDP Mardi Gras Party on Friday, February 1st, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Enjoy delicious Cajun food, drinks, live entertainment by the Motown band “Nostalgia”, along with a silent and oral auction and 50/50 raffle. If you love Motown music and if you feel like dancing, then this years event is for you! Tickets are \$30/person and are now on sale. Tables of eight can be reserved. See a Vincentian member after mass in the church lobby or hall. Don’t miss the fun! If you can’t make the event, please consider supporting the cause by purchasing some 50/50 raffle tickets, or if you have a special item to donate to the auction, please let Jeff Goldone know at 776-2204.



Monday, January 21st

6:30 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell
 8:00 a.m. Marie Austermann

Tuesday, January 22nd

6:30 a.m. The Purgatorial Society
 8:00 a.m. John Fletcher

Wednesday, January 23rd

6:30 a.m. Michael & Mary Brake

Thursday, January 24th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention

Friday, January 25th

6:30 a.m. Rose Ann Licavoli
 8:00 a.m. Mary Brake & Kay Beffa

Saturday, January 26th

4:30 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, January 27th

8:00 a.m. Louise Trapasso
 10:00 a.m. Silver & Justin Madufo & Family



JANUARY 20 THROUGH JANUARY 27, 2008

- Sunday: Is 49:3,5-6 Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28
Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51
Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13
Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2
Mk 16:15-18
- Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10
Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1,4,13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. January 26th—4:30 p.m.

Michael Harris, Gabe Miller, Tiara Fitzpatrick



Sun. January 27th —8:00 a.m.

Stephanie Barker, Joseph Schneider, Eduardo Espinoza

Sun. January 27th— 10:00 am

Nadia & Katya White, George Suggs

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. —January 26th—4:30 p.m.

Tom Purcell, Sr. Mary Jo Ritter, Joe Iovanna



Sun. —January 27th -8:00 a.m.

George Mills, Gregory Kehr, Bob Waeltermann

Sun. —January 27th -10:00 a.m.

Bob Malon, Prudence Kramer, Virginia Coates-Favron, Helen Halter, David Richardson, Kristen Ritter, Jerrod Gerstner, Rose Mary Murphey CSJ

LECTORS

Sat. —January 26th—4:30 p.m.

Ginger Purcell, Carol Helfrich



Sun. January 27th—8:00 a.m.

Rochelle Schneider, Rich Moser

Sun. —January 27th- 10:00 a.m.

Gerry Rauch, John Merideth

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake

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



COFFEE & DONUTS 1/27/08

Donut Pick-up: Tom and Ginger Purcell

Coffee for January: Judi Tucci, Kathy Waeltermann

Donut Clean-Up: Rick and Bridget Blaes



DRIVERS 1/26/08 John Lenzini
 1/27/08 Bob Buscher

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS—

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5
 God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it?

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by Peter F. Hesed

In this year (Cycle A), the Gospel according to Matthew will be our guide. However, the Church begins Ordinary Time each year by reading from John's Gospel.

Everyone who considers Jesus Christ, from his home-town contemporaries to modern secularists, must face – or choose to ignore – the great question: Who is Jesus? We encounter simple, pithy answers, recited as a creedal formula, or brandished as a bumper sticker. But the great question is never fully dispatched by any answer, though answer it we must. Today's readings begin to reveal some of the richness of Jesus' identity.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist moves from not knowing to keen insight; Jesus is the Lamb of God, the pre-existent One, Spirit-filled, the Son of God. Each of these titles is a door that can open for us a way into the mystery of Christ.

The Church repeats the Baptist's words: "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." We plead for mercy and peace. To do so, whole-heartedly, is to let Jesus be our Savior, not just our Teacher. It is easy enough to admit that we do not know all that we need to know. But it is daunting to acknowledge that we are in need of being saved from spiritual death, in need of being led toward eternal life.

The mystery of who Jesus is continues to be revealed to us, and through us, today. That is why we are called to his supper; that is why we are sent in peace, to love and serve.



MARDI GRAS MISSION CARNIVAL

The South City Deanery Parish School of Religion will be holding its annual Mardi Gras Mission Carnival on Mon., Feb. 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Resurrection School Building at 3880 Meramec St. Proceeds go to benefit four organizations: The Amanacer Program for street children in Cochabamba, Bolivia, Heifer Int'l Foundation, the Refugee and Immigrant Outreach at St. Pius V and Our Lady's Inn. The raffle tickets are .50 each or 5 for \$2.00. If you have any questions, ideas, donations or would like to purchase a raffle ticket, please call Sr. Loretta Sigler at 775-5905. Thanks for your support!

WELCOME GREETERS

St. Margaret's is known as being a very friendly and welcoming place to both visit on occasion and to worship at regularly. Intragol to this is the presence of greeters who welcome the people as they enter the church for Mass. We would like to develop this into a true ministry. In order to develop this properly, we are asking for volunteers who would be interested in graciously assisting us with this effort. We have a few folks now who regularly help out, but since we have been getting busier it can be hard for them to keep up. If we could have three volunteers, young or old, at each Mass, who could be available for about 15 minutes before Mass starts, through the time that everyone arrives, to warmly welcome people and to distribute hand outs as needed, that would be very helpful.

If you are interested, you may call or email the rectory, or you can fill in the information below and put it in either the offertory basket or the rectory mail box.

Thanks! The Worship Committee

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____



St. Margaret of Scotland School – taking stock

Continued from last week

If our students love to learn as you might have read in last week's bulletin even more they love to play. Guiding children to achieve their potential in body is more than just a good PE program, or even a good sports program – both of which we have here at your parish school. By the way, did you hear that our 7th grade boys tied for the City County Championship in soccer – tied with the team who has won every year since they began playing soccer? We do have a full sports program including track in the Spring. If we broaden our sense of what it means to utilize our physical potential, one might consider our annual Christmas musical, it is a good example of children exploring their physical potential through song and movement. Physical potential comes in many varieties. Our students design oral presentations for each other – learning the artful skill of poise, communication, and working with an audience. Our 7th graders are teaching the 1st graders about the many systems in the human body; our 8th graders are putting final touches on their two minute portfolio speeches; our 6th graders will soon prepare to speak in front of hundreds of students as they present their countries' resolutions for Model UN. Learning to respect and care for our bodies is an essential lesson that children can carry into adulthood; learning how to control and utilize our bodies in sports, singing, public speaking, acting, etc. is equally essential to success throughout childhood and into adulthood. At St. Margaret's our students are challenged to explore and recognize their giftedness in mind, body and spirit. To be continued next week.



A FEW GRATEFUL NOTES FOR YOUR OUTPOURING OF GENEROSITY AT CHRISTMAS

To the Parishioners of St. Margaret's, Over the past years your contributions have helped me keep my electric on and I appreciated that. But not more than the appreciation that I have for your contributions for the two years I waited for my disability insurance to be approved and issued to me.

This Christmas was an added appreciation because one of your parishioners volunteered to be my sponsor for the Christmas holiday. I have never had anyone give me anything because they became aware of my situation. Once again, I thank that individual for making Christmas a happy one.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE Cathy White RN

Blood Drive: The SMOS blood drive will be held on Jan. 22 in our Church hall from 4-7pm. Call Cathy at the rectory 776-0363 if you are able to donate. January is National Blood Donor Month, so please schedule a time to donate and help SMOS meet their goal of 36 pints.

Exercise Class: There is still time to register for the Stay Strong, Stay Healthy Program. Classes will begin on Jan. 22 and meet from 12:30 until 1:30pm. on Tues/Thurs for 10 weeks. Cost is \$60. You may register on the first day of class if interested.

Eye Exams for Seniors: The Eye Van from the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA) and the Lions Club is coming to St Margaret of Scotland on Mar. 3rd for free eye exams. If the exam indicates glasses are needed, they will be provided at no charge. Seniors must be 60+ in order to qualify. Call early for an appointment as there are only 12 available time slots for exams. To register, call Michelle at 353-9700 by Feb 1st.

Cleaning out the closets after the first of the year? Our new exercise program, Stay Strong, Stay Healthy is in need of weights, especially smaller hand held weights. We can also use any type of ankle weights. If you have weights to donate, place them in the box located in the rear of Church.