

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE: Mon. by 4:00 pm

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 ill or homebound and as a result unable to attend Mass.

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.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH RETREAT

The Christian Formation Commission is sponsoring a Parish Retreat on Saturday Feb 16, in the Church Hall. The retreat is being planned and led by St. Margaret's parishioners, and is open to all adults in the parish. There are registration forms available in the back of church with additional details. Registrations must be received by Feb 13. Please contact Agnes McKernan at 314-659-3952 if you have any questions.

OPERATION RICE BOWL BEGINS THIS WEEK!

In just a few days, your Lenten journey will begin. Catholic Relief Services invites you to make this journey in solidarity with your global family, and Operation Rice Bowl makes this easy and enriching. It is a journey of prayer, fasting, learning and giving, all with an international flavor. To be Catholic means to be linked not just to our local communities, but also to our global community. Please be sure to pick up both a rice bowl and a Lenten calendar from someone at the back of church after Mass. Your prayers throughout Lent will be much appreciated and we will collect the monetary gifts during Holy Week.

February 3, 2008

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. February 9th—4:30 p.m.

Paul & Alec Henderickson, Hanna Franko

Sun. February 10th—8:00 a.m.

Leo Mitchel, Eduardo Espinoza, Claire Mulligan

Sun. February 10th— 10:00 am

Gabrielle & Madeline Hantak, Stephen Hagen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. —February 9th—4:30 p.m.

Patty Duffy, Gregory Kehr, Joe Iovanna

Sun. —February 10th-8:00 a.m.

Cheryl Thomas, Cam Jansen, George Mills

Sun. —February 10th -10:00 a.m.

Kelly White, Rick Blaes, Julie Hesed, Gerry Rauch, Dorothy Wamser, Suzanne Bruce, Joe Hagen, Bob Kramer

LECTORS

Sat. —February 9th—4:30 p.m.

Barb Betancourt, Tony Huenneke

Sun. February 10th—8:00 a.m.

McGraw Milhaven, Anne Hagen

Sun. —February 10th- 10:00 a.m.

Lisa McDonald, Tony McDonald

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake

10:00 a.m. Duke Dummerth, Patty Hendrickson

COFFEE & DONUTS 2/10/08

Donut Pick-up: Linda Holdinghaus

Coffee for February: Mary Ann Gadell

Donut Clean-Up: Jerrod Gerstner

DRIVERS 2/9/08 Carmela Garza

2/10/08 John Meredith

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS—

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

One way to be poor in spirit is to realize that you really own nothing. Everything you have is a gift from God. Do not become attached to your material possessions and treasure. Rather, realize that they are yours to share and to use for the glory of God.



Monday, February 4th

6:30 a.m. Raymond Austermann Sr.

8:00 a.m. John Fletcher

Tuesday, February 5th

6:30 a.m. The Purgatorial Society

8:00 a.m. Marie Austermann

Wednesday, February 6th—Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intentions

8:00 a.m. Virginia Llewellyn

7:00 p.m. Dorothy Leonard

Thursday, February 7th

6:30 a.m. Margaret Samson

Friday, February 8th

6:30 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell

8:00 a.m. Lillian Grensaullus

Saturday, February 9th

4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

Sunday, February 10th

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Deceased Members Buttice Family



February 3 through February 10, 2008

Sunday: Zep 2:3;3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a,18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19 Mt 4:1-11

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by David Brinker

Since much has been written about the Beatitudes, perhaps we might give a moment's attention to the accompanying readings today. Taken together, they prepare us for the radical message of the Beatitudes, and perhaps can stimulate a fresh approach to the nearing Lenten season.

Zephaniah prophesied vividly about the impending judgment of the Lord—the famous funerary hymn *Dies Irae* is based on his description of the Day of the Lord. Preceding a long list of proud cities that will fall before the Lord, we hear the counsel: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, ... seek justice, seek humility.” The poverty of these *anawim*, the poor ones of the earth, is measured not by lack of possessions, but by their rightness of spirit. They are recognized by their total abandonment to the divine will.

Paul reminds the Corinthians of this same truth. God’s Messiah came especially to the nonentities of the world, to people who cannot boast on their own account, but only on account of God. And what a boast that is! Those claimed by Jesus for God have been sanctified and redeemed.

Teresa of Avila wrote, “Those who have God want for nothing.” Many of us elect to “give something up” during Lent as a penitential practice or spiritual discipline. Perhaps this year, in addition to the particular items from which we choose to abstain, we might also let go of our pretensions to self-sufficiency. Like Paul we may thus discover true strength in our human frailty, and perhaps arrive at a poverty of spirit that will enable us to practice the Beatitudes as our natural habit.

LECTOR TRAINING

On Sun., Feb. 24, we will have Lector Training covering the "nuts & bolts" issues of lectoring here at SMOS. The training is required for all new lectors and encouraged for all continuing ones who did not attend the session last fall. The training will be in the Church immediately after the 10:00 Mass. If you have any questions or would like to order a Lector Workbook, contact Greg Rohde at 771-5975 or grjmj@swbell.net.

DRIVER WANTED

We Need You The driving group for the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays is in need of one driver. Weekly drivers pick up and take home parishioners for Mass. Time commitment is once every fourth Sunday. If you are interested in this *ministry on wheels*, call Cathy at the rectory at 776-0363.

WELCOME GREETERS

Greeters St. Margaret’s has always been known as being a very friendly and welcoming place to both visit on occasion and to worship at regularly. Integral 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: _____



Super thanks to everyone who has put the good word out about our parish school. Your PR is proving to be very effective. Last Sunday we hosted our annual Open House. If the attendance at Open House is an indicator for next year’s enrollment – things are looking good! We toured over 50 families, many of whom were interested in multiple grades (Montessori preschool and some other grade). Several new families have turned in registration paperwork already in hopes of holding precious spaces, especially those in our Montessori. Of course, we honor our current school families first. But, as of February 16, we open our registration to new families in parish or out of parish.

If you are interested in your parish school for preschool or Kindergarten and have not yet toured the school or requested a registration packet – the time is now! Please call the school office (776-7837) and arrange a tour time or just stop by and pick up a registration packet. You might want to allow yourself enough time to fill it out on the spot.

Ms. Hesed
Principal



SCOUT SUNDAY Join the fun and get involved! Ask anyone in uniform, or contact a leader from the parish to find out more about scouts, a wonderful program! Cub Scouts—1st—5th grade boys, contact Janet Braun 771-4030. Boy Scouts—6th—12th grades boys, contact Geoff Gerber 664-0571. Girl Scouts—1st—12th grades contact Peggy Redfearn 664-3784.

LADIES AUXILIARY JANUARY RAFFLE WINNERS

The \$25 winners were Carolyn Sue Cecil and Mary Kay Mueller. The \$100 winner was David Gilsinn. Congratulations to our winners!

PTA TRIVIA KNIGHT THANKS Thank you to all the players and the volunteers that made the 2008 PTA "Trivia Knight" such a great success. Saturday night, January 19, we filled the gym with over 320 people and raised \$5,000 for the Curriculum Enrichment Program -- we really appreciate you supporting this event and our school!! The winners of "Trivia Knight": 1st Place (\$400) - Team Keller/Thomas/Delpha/Signaigo; 2nd Place (\$240) – Team Cummings/Blouin/Squillace/Moore/Kiernan; 3rd Place (\$140) - Team Hoehn/Hoff/Stragand



NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Cathy White RN

Health Observance of the Month: February is American Heart Month. Did you know that “each year, some 565,000 Americans suffer a first heart attack, and another 300,000 have a recurrent attack?” “About a third are fatal. And it’s not just a “man’s disease.” Women are six times more likely to die of a heart attack than of breast cancer. Heart attack remains the leading cause of death in America.” (John Hopkins) *Check out the American Heart Association’s website and take the “Learn and Live Quiz. Simply go to Americanheart.org and in the search box, enter Learn and Live Quiz. The quiz takes less than 5 minutes to complete and provides specific tips for your health.

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 March 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.