

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Our annual Palm Sunday Procession will begin at 9:30 a.m. on March 16th. Please gather in the St. Margaret of Scotland school yard. The blessing of the palms will take place at Castleman and Lawrence. We will proceed along Castleman and 39th Street to Church, where 10:00 a.m. Mass will begin.

Those who prefer not to process may gather at church. If the weather is terrible, the procession will be cancelled and the opening rites will be celebrated in-doors at church. We often have a very beautiful day for this feast. So plan to fall in line and walk the walk.

LENTEN CALENDAR

March 16th—Palm Sunday Procession begins at school at 9:30 a.m.

March 20th—Holy Thursday (School closed) 7:00 p.m. Triduum begins: Mass of the Lord's Supper. Church remains open for prayer and adoration until 10:00 p.m.

March 21st—Good Friday (School & Rectory Closed) 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Triduum Celebration of the Lord's Passion

March 22nd—Holy Saturday 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

It's funny how connected things are. Because of our move to secure a line-of-credit loan with the Archdiocese as part of addressing the needs of our buildings, we underwent a complete, top-to-bottom audit of our financial practices (this happens periodically anyway). Our practices were shown to be in very good shape, which is a credit to our parishioner boards and to Marcia. We were, though, directed to make a few changes. One change will be visibly implemented this weekend. The Finance office *strongly* recommends the use of a strong, sealable bag in which to place the collection monies, before they are brought up to the altar. This reduces loose change and bills being open to falling out, or left in the open for brief periods after Mass. Our Worship Commission designed an attractive fabric cover bag, which will be brought up in the usual basket. Besides being more secure, I think we'll feel it's a more aesthetic presentation than loose bills and checks.

From the



Pastor's Desk

There were just a few other changes recommended or mandated, which connects these thoughts with my note here a few weeks ago. As a parish of the Archdiocese, we are bound to follow those financial procedures which are mandated by the Archdiocese (as opposed to some which are recommended.) Sometimes, to a local community, these can seem cumbersome, though they're usually just "industry standards." These mandates include complying with Federal laws. Like in other matters, there are some among us who question the need to follow these mandates, even the Federal ones. That is an individual's prerogative. It should be known that under my administration of our parish, we will follow the requisite mandates. There is certainly no wide consensus of a conscience problem in following either the Archdiocesan or Federal requirements concerning our financial matters. Our staff and, especially, the parish Finance Committee help me greatly in any of these matters. They have to sign off on regular financial reports we submit, and they share in the responsibility for them with me.

So, an audit prompted by our loan leads to an enhancement of our liturgy, and to revisiting reflections on our identity together. And while we again reflect on our worship and our identity, let's pray for our catechumens, Darrell and Angela, and candidates for the sacraments, Tony and Kimberly. Things *are* connected . . .

Weekly Collection for FY 2008

Week of March 2, 2008	\$9,345.42
Average for FY 2008	\$7,604.59
Budgeted Average FY 2008	\$7,909.62
149 Envelopes Used	



We welcome our newest parish members, *Natalie Mae Zimmerman*, daughter of Steven and Heather, and *Rosemary Louise Clyne*, daughter of Jeffrey and Elizabeth, of our parish family. Congratulations on the baptism of their child. We send them along this Christian parenting path with our prayers.

ATTENTION

There will not be Eucharist Adoration on Holy Thursday.

THIS WEEK  IN OUR PARISH

Monday, 3/10-

Physical Plant 7:00 p.m. RB

Tuesday, 3/11—

- Senior Exercise 12:30—1:30 p.m. CH
- PTA Exec. 7:00 p.m. School
- Prayer Shawl, 7:00 p.m. Marr Residence
- Worship 7:30 p.m. RMR
- Scouts church cleaning 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/12—

- School Board 7:00 p.m. RMR
- Choir, 7:15 p.m., Church

Thursday, 3/13-

- Eucharist Adoration 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Side Chapel
- Senior Exercise 12:30—1:30 p.m. CH

Friday, 3/14

- School Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Faculty Meeting 12:15 p.m. dismissal

Saturday, 3/15 -

- RCIA Retreat

Sunday, 3/16-

- Palm Sunday Procession: 9:30 a.m. Gather at School**
- RCIA 11:30 a.m. RMR
- DuBourg Swing 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. CH

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

from Catholic Relief Services

Ezekiel speaks on behalf of the Lord: “I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land...”

Jesus tells the crowd to untie Lazarus and “let him go free.” This is a recurring theme for Catholic Relief Services, unbinding people from traditional ways of doing things that are not healthy, and helping them see what they can do to transform their societies.

We, too, need to pray that we are freed from the unhealthy influences of materialism and greed that have so insinuated themselves into our culture. Fasting is a way of calling ourselves back to the present moment and being attentive to the Operation Rice Bowl themes today. The courage of the people of Cameroon and many other countries in Africa in facing the challenge of HIV and AIDS encourages us to donate funds to support their efforts and the efforts of Catholic Relief Services’ staff around the world, to help people help themselves.

Themes of Catholic Social Teaching: Call to Family, Community and Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society in economics and politics, in law and policy, directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Some Scripture Verses

Genesis 17:78 (God’s covenant with a people); Exodus 6:6-8 (God’s covenant frees a people); Leviticus 1:9-15; 35-37 and Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 15:1-18, 24:10-22 (some social laws); Jeremiah 32:38-40 (God’s covenant with a people and their children)
Mark 1:1-14-15 (the reign of God, a social image); Luke 22:14-20;
I Corinthians 11:23-26; Hebrews *:7-12 (Christ’s new covenant)

Call to Family, Community and Participation at SMOS

Our parish is blessed with a strong sense of community and we continually strive to increase participation in all aspects of parish life, from communal celebrations of the sacraments, to individual spiritual development and even administration.

One example is the small church community program that has been active at our parish *for more than ten years and includes more than 90 active participants today*. We are also *one of only two parishes in the St. Louis metropolitan area* to consistently sponsor a JustFaith formation group, focused on studying Catholic social justice.

Also, this Spring *we are holding two parish retreats*. The first one, in February, *brought 40 people together* to listen, discuss and pray together. Our upcoming retreat in April is another wonderful opportunity – particularly for families with children to experience this kind of community. Also during the Spring our RCIA program is in full swing with many parishioners sharing their time and expertise to help prepare the candidates to be received into the Church. *This year we welcome four new members into the Church through the RCIA program and also look forward to confirming 31 junior high students*.



Did you see the article in the Post Dispatch and on-line? There were super cute pictures and a good article. We were also featured in the St. Louis magazine in a huge piece on alternative schools. We were selected as a Parish/Catholic school. Those dragons will constantly amaze you as mysterious things happen around them!

Congratulations to our 8th graders who competed against other students throughout St. Louis in the National History Day competition. Each of our 8th graders participated by entering a documentary, several exhibits, a performance, a research paper, and two websites—all researched, designed and created by the students. Although we did not bring home a ton of ribbons, I was very proud of our students who acted with poise, intelligence and good manners throughout their day at UMSL. A big thank you to Ms. Noser for guiding our students through the History Day work.

A special congratulations goes to Alexandria Clemens, who wrote and performed her own piece called "Read All About It". She will compete on the state level in April. Great job Alex, and good luck at state!

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese and any SMOS family wishing to apply for tuition assistance for the 2008-2009 school year, must obtain a "FACTS" application from the School Office. Students must attend a Parochial elementary School or an Archdiocesan, Regional or Parochial High School to be eligible. **The due date for the application is April 1, 2008 and must include a copy of your 2007 Income tax return.** To pick up a "FACTS" application, please contact the school at 776-7837.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

It is time for School Registration again. If you would like to register your child at SMOS for the school year of 2008-2009, please contact the School Office at 776-7837.

SPRING APPEAL



We have begun our second month of our three month appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution, you may still do so. Part of the reason we stretch the drive out over the three-month term is to give everyone a chance to participate. To date \$9,390 has been contributed to the drive by our parishioners and friends.

PARISH NURSE

By: Cathy White

Walk to Jupiter: There are currently 45 parishioners who have decided to take the challenge and walk to Spring Training in Jupiter, Florida. We have approximately 1,100 miles to cover in the next 1-2 weeks. We can make it! Don't forget to record your miles on the papers in the rear of Church to be eligible for the weekly giveaway. Last week's winner of the Cardinal t-shirt was Katherine Hesed.



St. Patrick's Day: Celebrate St. Pat's Day with South Grand Senior Ministry! On Monday, March 17th, SGSM will be participating in the Dogtown annual *St. Patrick's Day Parade*. This fundraiser will be a day of "wearing of the green" and celebration as we ride in an old fashion trolley along the 1.5 mile parade route. Plan to meet at St Pius Church and carpool to Dogtown. Prior to the parade we'll have a BBQ in Forest Park. Cost is \$25 to ride on the trolley and \$10 to walk alongside the trolley. Call Michele at 353-9700 to reserve your space.

PAVING THE WAY



A deadline is approaching for The Commemorative Court, our parish brick paver project.

In order to guarantee inclusion in the initial phase of The Commemorative Court, we must have completed forms, with the text to be engraved, by April 15. That allows for six weeks to get the bricks engraved before the installation begins.

We should break ground in early June, and dedicate this new feature in early July.

WORTH



OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER

A good number of regular worshippers at St. Margaret's remain unregistered. It is very helpful to us, institutionally, to know the members of our family. It is also very helpful to members when they need something official to have a formal relationship with a parish. So we encourage our "unregistered members" to join up!

You can register at the Rectory at any time that the office is open. We will have opportunities to register after all this weekend's Masses. Just look in the back of church for a registration table.

SPRING CLEANING



In preparation for Easter, Our LOST and FOUND drawer (by the severs' albs closet) will be cleaned out AFTER the 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass on March 16th. All items not claimed will be donated to the Gavin Center or otherwise appropriately discarded. Thank you!

SVDP ANNUAL BUTTER BRAID SALE!



This is the final weekend for the annual SVDP Butter Braid and Frozen Cookie Dough Sale. We hope you have made room in your freezer for these delicious pastries (cherry, apple, cream cheese, cinnamon, and a new flavor this year, Bavarian cream) for \$9.50 each, and mouth-watering cookies, (chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin, white chocolate macadamia nut, and peanut butter) 48 for \$12.50, that your family always enjoys. Items will be on sale after all masses in the Church Hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT



SVDP ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual SVDP Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00a.m. in Tower Grove Park at the Old Playground Pavilion (the first pavilion just South of the Magnolia & 39th St. intersection). Always a great time with prizes for everyone, despite the weather! Children are \$5.00 each or \$10/family, payable on the day of the event.

DRIVER NEEDED



One of our parishioners is in need of a driver to pick her son up at St. John the Baptist School on Mondays and Wednesdays. The pick up time is 2:45 p.m. and then return him to his home on Flad. If interested, please call Mary at 771-5535.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. March 15th—4:30 p.m.

Chloe Simmons, Tiara Fitzpatrick, Hannah Franko

Sun. March 16th—8:00 a.m.

Lisa Marx, Henry & Joseph Schneider

Sun. March 16th — 10:00 am

Noah Miles, Paul & Alec Hendrickson



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. —March 15th—4:30 p.m.

Tom Purcell, Carol Helfrich, Gregory Kehr

Sun. —March 16th -8:00 a.m.

George Mills, Cam Jansen, Joe Iovanna

Sun. —March 16th -10:00 a.m.

Helen Halter, Kelly White, Kristen Ritter, Sr. Mary

Jo Ritter, Joe Hagen, Jerrod Gerstner, Gerry Rauch,

Rick Blaes



LECTORS

Sat. —March 15th —4:30 p.m.

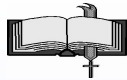
Tony Huenneke, Ginger Purcell

Sun. March 16th —8:00 a.m.

Kathy Petersen, McGraw Milhaven

Sun. —March 16th- 10:00 a.m.

Suzanne Bruce



GREETERS FOR MARCH

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake

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



COFFEE & DONUTS 3/16/08

Donut Pick-up: Ken & Pat Nuernberger

Coffee for March: Linda Holdinghaus

Donut Clean-Up: Sean & Cheryl Thomas



DRIVERS 3/15/08 Bob Herleth

3/16/08 Bob Buscher

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS—

"I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word."

Psalms 130:5

Trust in the Lord is important for good stewardship.

If we are going to give to God first then we must be willing to trust that God will always provide for us.

We must be willing to trust that we will have all that we need even if we don't always have all that we want.

Good stewards have found wonderful peace and comfort in this level of trust. How much do you trust in the Lord?



Monday, March 10th

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention

8:00 a.m. Sheila Moglia

Tuesday, March 11th

6:30 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell

8:00 a.m. Raymond Austermann

Wednesday, March 12th

6:30 a.m. Marie Austermann

Thursday, March 13th

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Leonard

Friday, March 14th

6:30 a.m. Paul A. Kohl

8:00 a.m. Rose Ann Lecavoli

Saturday, March 15th

4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

Sunday, March 16th

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Alfa Finklang



MARCH 9 THROUGH MARCH 16

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8
Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 (Ps)
Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Sunday: Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24
Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66