

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

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PARISH NEWS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Happy Easter! Let us continue our Easter celebration next Sunday on Divine Mercy Sunday.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION


- BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:** Mon. by 4:00 pm
- NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome all new families and individuals. Please call the rectory to register or see the pastor 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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS


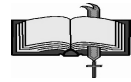
“Due to recent changes in the tax laws, beginning with contributions made in 2007, donors will no longer be able to deduct cash contributions unless they maintain a bank record (like a cancelled check or direct deposit record on a bank statement) or a written contribution statement from the donee organization. If you wish to ensure deductibility of your contributions, please use a check, direct from your bank account, or your parish envelopes. The parish will track such contributions, and will produce a written statement of contributions made during the calendar year. **The parish cannot track currency contributions not in parish envelopes.**

March 23, 2008


ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat. March 29th 4:30 p.m.
Ryan Kiernan, Dominic Civettini, Claire Mulligan 
- Sun. March 30th—8:00 a.m.
Madeline & Gabrielle Hantak, Will DelaRoche
- Sun. March 30th — 10:00 am
Victoria Caccione, Stephanie Barker, Sarah Connolly


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. —March 29th—4:30 p.m.
Patty Duffy, Bob Malon, Joe Iovanna 
- Sun. —March 30th -8:00 a.m.
Barb Lenzini, Don Burrus, Elaine Burrus
- Sun. —March 30th -10:00 a.m.
Mary Talbott, Julie Hesed, David Richardson, Walter Hoff, Chris Stephens, Greg Rohde, Linda Holdinghaus, Bob Waeltermann 

LECTORS

- Sat. —March 29th—4:30 p.m.
Betsy Mahony, Jeff Goldone
- Sun. March 30th —8:00 a.m.
Tom Sweeney, Marilyn Sweeney 
- Sun. —March 30th- 10:00 a.m.
Mike Miller, Genevieve Buthod

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 3/30/08

- Donut Pick-up: Bob & Bernie Buschner
- Coffee for March: Linda Holdinghaus
- Donut Clean-Up: Kelly and Cathy White

- DRIVERS** 3/29/08 John Lenzini
- 3/30/08 John Meredith

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS—

Easter Sunday “If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” Colossians 3:1-2
We can seek what is above by sharing what we have here on earth. This is what good stewardship is all about. We realize that anything we have here on earth is not nearly as important as being with Christ. Once we realize that, sharing what we have is easy.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Monday, March 24th**
6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention
- Tuesday, March 25th**
6:30 a.m. Catherine Kuhn
- Wednesday, March 26th**
6:30 a.m. Marie Austermann
- Thursday, March 27th**
6:30 a.m. Severin & Ruth Gadell
- Friday, March 28th**
6:30 a.m. Dorothy Leonard
8:00 a.m. Earl Brake
- Saturday, March 29th**
4:30 p.m. Dr. & Karen Squitieri
- Sunday, March 30th**
8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Silver & Justin Maduforo & her family peace


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 23 through March 30, 2008

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
- Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-15b,16-21 Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Community News

FAMILY MUSICAL

 Take Two productions presents "Schoolhouse Rock Live To," a family musical appropriate for all ages on March 28-29th and April 4-5th at 7:30 p.m. and March 30th and April 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the Pope John Paul II Auditorium at the Cardinal Rigali Center locate at #20 Archbishop May Drive in Shrewsbury. Advance tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 children. Proceeds benefit the Maggie Welby Foundation www.maggiewelby.org. For reservations or more information call 323-8246.

SINGLE CATHOLICS FELLOWSHIP

Single Catholics gathering for camaraderie and casual discussion about their Catholic faith, including Church teachings an spiritual living, stewardship, current Church happenings, and Church advocacy. Occasional guest speakers, Bible study, and other social activities. To learn more and join this group, see "Single Catholics Fellowship" at www.meetup.com.



FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Foster Grandparents are senior adults (60 and older) and income eligible who volunteer 20 hours a week with children in school and daycare settings. Currently the Foster Grandparents volunteer in 27 sites in the St. Louis City and St. Louis County areas serving four community needs. Benefits to the program: non-taxable stipend for 20 hours of service per week that does not affect benefits you may receive, transportation costs are reimbursed, training provided and recognition for your service including a trip and an award luncheon. If you are interested, please call Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, Foster Grandparent Program at 918-2297.



We Need You

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED


St. Mary's Health Center is looking for Volunteers who are willing to give 4-6 hours a week to help in our Gift Shop. Volunteers are needed at the following times: Mondays 9-1 and 5-7:30, Tuesdays 1-5, Wednesdays 9-1 and 1-5, Thursdays 9-1 and 5-&7:30. If you can help, please call Sandra at 768-8719.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Female volunteers, ages 25 and older, are needed to serve as mentors for non-violent ex-offenders in the Center for Women in Transition's mentoring program. The Center for Women assists these women in making a transition from the criminal justice system back to their families an society. Mentors provide a one-on-one caring and compassionate relationship that helps the mentee stay grounded and focused on personal goals. It provides a support system. Mentoring is a one-year commitment for approximately eight hours each month. One-day training class is provided. For more information, please contact Chris Deason at 771-5207 or visit the website at www.cwitstl.org.

DAY OF REFLECTION

And I Will Give You Rest --- A refreshing Day of Reflection for Caregivers, Tuesday, April 15th from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. \$20 registration fee include lunch. For reservations, call Carol or Jo Ann at 792-7183.

WELCOME to all Easter worshippers at St. Margaret's: to our **From the**  **Pastor's Desk** faithful parishioners, extended family and friends, and visitors joining us for this special feast. Easter is a celebration of New Life, given by our Savior who burst through the seeming end of death into a new life. Through faith, we burst with him through our deaths, actual and the many small ones in living.

This parish, in particular, is experiencing New Life strongly. After some difficult collective times in the past, the community is making strong decisions concerning buildings, spiritual programs, school, and other services. We continue to be re-seeded with wonderful energetic new members, and our Baptism rate goes on strong.

This Easter, in fact, we have witnessed the Baptism of two adults, **Angela Simmons and Darrell Barber**, at the Saturday evening Easter Vigil. These set the tone for the week we've had, "Holy Week", of retracing the crucial salvific moments in Christ's life. We have done so, not just to re-enact the past or to remember, but because these events of Christ's life are *present* in us, in his people! It's obvious that Christ's sufferings continue, in the many tough events of our lives. But this week, we also recognize and celebrate that Jesus' glory, his vindication is also present in our lives. In him, we are constantly lifted to a whole New Life, with many wonders and also many challenges of its own. These newly baptized symbolize this so clearly for all of us. And, **Kimberly Allen and Tony Favron**, baptized people who sought and received full communion with us in the Catholic Church, show us that our faith community is desired and recognized as a source and base for Christian living in the world.

The early disciples were not "done" once they experienced Jesus' Resurrection: their work was beginning, to announce his New Life in word and deed, for the salvation of many. I see this parish as more than willing to work to implement the tremendous Good News of Jesus' Resurrection, among ourselves, through our neighborhoods, and to the wider community.

HAPPY EASTER, ST. MARGARET'S!

Weekly Collection for FY 2008	
Week of March 16, 2008	\$9,645.25
Average for FY 2008	\$7,640.11
Budgeted Average FY 2008	\$7,909.62
130 Envelopes Used	

Fr. Tom will be away Monday and Tuesday after Easter.

THIS WEEK  IN OUR PARISH	
Monday, 3/24- Rectory and School Closed Youth Chorus 7:00 p.m. School	Thursday, 3/27 Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Chapel Senior Exercise 12:30—1:30 p.m. CH 8th Ward 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 3/25— School Closed Social Justice RB 6:30—9:00 p.m. Senior Exercise 12:30—1:30 p.m. CH	Friday, 3/28 All School Mass 8:00 a. m.
Wednesday, 3/26— Athletic Association 7:00 p.m. RB Finance 7:30 p.m. RMR Choir, 7:15 p.m., Church, CH	Saturday, 3/29 Science Fair CH
	Sunday, 3/30- Divine Mercy Sunday RCIA 11:30 a.m.—1:-00 p.m. RMR Science Fair CH DuBourg Swing Dance 6:30 p.m. CH

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by Peter Hesed

Every week in this space we offer a brief scripture reflection. Either I or a guest pick from the Sunday liturgy some scriptural starting point, and endeavor to connect it to some lived experience. This week the task is breath-taking.

Over the past week we have celebrated the richest, most challenging, and most essential liturgies of the year. These celebrations are set in time by the coincidence of the solar, lunar and weekly calendars. According to an ancient wisdom they combine unique actions (foot-washing, veneration of the wood of the cross, the lighting of a fire), sacramental rites of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), songs of great power (Pange Lingua, Were You There, the Easter Proclamation) and the re-telling of our foundational stories. What a family reunion!

These stories significantly define us. On Thursday we hear the injunction to prepare and eat the Passover meal, and the parallel tradition, handed on by Paul, to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Johannine Gospel contains the mandate: "as I have done for you, you should also do." On Friday we are stunned by the testimony of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah, we are heartened by Paul's teaching to the Hebrews about our High Priest, and we are engrossed in the majestic drama of the Passion according to John.

On Saturday night we keep vigil with a grand sweep of scripture, retelling the saga of God's mercy and our salvation. Against this backdrop we hear Paul (Romans) telling us that through baptism we have entered the tomb with Christ Jesus and have risen with him. How joyfully do we unlock the "Alleluia!" and rise to greet the Gospel! The faithful women go in sorrow to the burial place and return, "fearful yet overjoyed," the first witnesses to the Resurrection.

In our lives we return to foundational stories for reinforcement, renewal, inspiration. Stories of migration, courtship, birth and death passed on within a family, memories of childhood told to grandchildren, tales of personal triumph and tragedy: these form our history, our outlook, our identity. May the remarkable stories repeated by the Church enlighten us again. May we more and more come to know, in the words of Sister Thea Bowman, "who we are and whose we are."

Themes of Catholic Social Teaching: Human Rights and Responsibilities

Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Catholic social teaching recognizes three sets of rights: the right to life (including food and shelter), economic rights (including education and employment) and political and cultural rights (including religious freedom). With rights come responsibilities to others, to our families and to the common good of all.

Some Scriptural references Human Rights and Responsibilities: Deuteronomy 5:17, 30:19 (right to life), Sirach 34:22 (rights of workers), Psalm 146: 5-8 (freedom from oppression), Isaiah 10:1-2 (against unjust laws)

Human Rights and Responsibilities in practice at SMOS

Human rights as basic as food and shelter are unfortunately not guaranteed in our society, or even in our community. *The food pantry at the Gavin Outreach Center has worked to provide food for those in need more than thirty years.* In 2007, with the help of SVDP, the parish also built and inaugurated a garden at the food pantry to be able to add fresh vegetables to the packages available to its clients.

Affordable housing is also becoming scarce in the city and the social justice ministry has been learning about this critical issue for the past several months. *On Saturday June 7th, the Social Justice ministry will organize a Habitat for Humanity Build Day for SMOS.* We look forward to working together as a parish community to help provide the basic right of shelter for our neighbors. If you would like to participate in the upcoming build day, call Stephanie at 537-7404.

The U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops has articulated seven key themes of Catholic social teaching. We will consider one theme each week through the end of Lent. You may pick up a flyer with all seven themes and corresponding scripture references in the church vestibule.



EASTER BREAK!

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED MARCH 20 THROUGH MARCH 25TH.
SCHOOL RESUMES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH.**



SAVE THE DATE

There will be a Parish Retreat at Eagle Hurst Resort in Steelville MO, on April 18, 19 and 20. There will be more information coming soon.



SPRING APPEAL

We are drawing to the end of our second month of this three-month drive. Thanks to all who have been able to participate with both large and small donations. To date, \$13,185 has been contributed by parishioners and benefactors.

PARISH NURSE

By: Cathy White

Walk to Jupiter: We are entering our third week of walking. We have several newcomers to our group. Last week we logged 480 miles. If you have a few days off for Easter break try to do extra walking or exercise. As usual, don't forget to record you miles on the sheets in the rear of Church. Last week's winner of the Cardinal t-shirt was Dorothy Ganser.

Be Aware of the Easter Bunny: If you find these candies in your basket make sure it's worth it to your sweet tooth before you eat them. But then again, we can use the extra miles for the "Walk to Jupiter" program!

*25 small jellybeans, 5 Peeps, 1 ounce chocolate bunny,
1 chocolate covered marshmallow bunny, 1 hard boiled Easter egg*

Your basket equals 576 calories. You will need to walk 5.76 miles or 11,520 steps to burn these calories!

Used Prescription Glasses Needed: The Lions Club was challenged by Helen Keller to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness." As part of that project, the Lions Club recycles glasses to help over 20 million children and adults in developing countries each year. Many of these people have little or no access to basic eye care. Please drop off your old glasses in the specially marked box located in the rear of church. By doing this, you can help the Lions achieve their goals and give the gift of vision to someone in need. SMOS will be accepting glasses every weekend in March.