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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD HELPERS NEEDED Do you have a child who regularly attends Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10 a.m. Mass? If so, due to the large number of children involved, would you please consider being a CLW helper for two (2) times between now and June 1st, in order to continue this quality program. If you can, please contact Mary Jo Rhoda after mass or by e-mail at mmmrhoda@sbcglobal.net to sign up.



If you would like to remember a family member, friend, or neighbor, living or deceased, please contact the Rectory at 776-0363.

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 pm or 10 am 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, and to make a preparation appointment with Fr. Tom.

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.

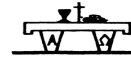
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the church chapel. Contact Therese Noecker, 776-7636 or Carmela Garza, 517-8311.

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:
3135 Lafayette Street, 63104 771-9411
Mon., Wed., Thurs., 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.


| Weekly Collection | |
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| February 14th General Fund | \$6,046.00 |
| Number of Envelopes Used | 97 |
| Week of February 8th | |
| Electronic Giving | \$455.00 |
| Number of Givers | 2 |
| <i>The month's total will be reported along with the monthly average. (Pending bank certification)</i> | |

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. February 27th- 4:30 p.m. 
Lija Michaud, Marty Johnson, Kevin Gerstner

Sun. February 28th - 8:00 a.m.
Bethany Clemens, Grace Clemens, Hannah Clemens


Sun. February 28th - 10:00 a.m.
Beatrice Connaghan, Emma Ingrassia, Allie Kennebeck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 

Sat. February 27th - 4:30 p.m.
Ginger Purcell, Tom Purcell

Sun. February 28th - 8:00 a.m.
Donnell Moore, Barb Lenzini


Sun. February 28th -10:00 a.m.
Kristen Wimbley, Linda Holdinghaus, Marg Schmitz, Debb Halter, Patty Hendrickson, Greg Rohde, Julio Zegarra-Ballon, Julie Collignon, Kim Zamastil

LECTORS 

Sat. February 27th - 4:30 p.m.
Eileen Ruddy, Rich Moser

Sun. February 28th - 8:00 a.m.
Marilyn Sweeney, Tom Sweeney


Sun. February 28th - 10:00 a.m.
Andy Wood, Kevin Whirley

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY 

4:30 p.m. Lucille Shirley, Elaine Burrus

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake

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

COFFEE & DONUTS 2/28/10 

Donut Pick-Up: Tom & Ginger Purcell
Coffee for February: Mary Ann Gadell
Donut Clean Up: Besty Lehman & Andy Wood

DRIVERS


2/27/10 Bob Herleth
2/28/10 John Meredith

SHOPS VOLUNTEER

Sat. February 27th- 4:30 p.m.
Margie Besing

Sun. February 28th - 8:00 a.m.
Cheryl Thomas

Sun. February 28th - 10:00 a.m.
Bonita Rohling

Monday, February 22nd 
6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intention
8:00 a.m. Marie Gambino

Tuesday, February 23rd
6:30 a.m. Rose Ann Hackmann
8:00 a.m. Albert Hackmann

Wednesday, February 24th
6:30 a.m. Bourque Family Intention

Thursday, February 25th
6:30 a.m. Remo Beffa

Friday, February 26th
6:30 a.m. Patricia Onik
8:00 a.m. Earl & Martha Brake

Saturday, February 27th (Fr. Bob Sieg)
4:30 p.m. Ed Cochran


Sunday, February 28th
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. August Meyer Jr.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This simple line from the Old Testament presents us with two challenges. First, do we bring God our first fruits – the best that we have to offer? Second, do we remember that everything we have has been given to us by God? We brought nothing into this world and we can take nothing from it. So why not share what we have while we are here?



February 21 through February 28, 2010

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| Sunday: | Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13 |
| Monday: | 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a,4-6 Mt 16:13-19 |
| Tuesday: | Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday: | Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday: | Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36 |

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCES

Each Sunday during Lent at 7pm in the church, the Social Justice Committee will lead a 30-minute prayer service focused on the different tenets of Catholic Social Teaching. Bring your whole family and pray with us for social justice as we share reflections, music, silence, scripture and a brief speaker each week. The first gathering will be tonight, Sunday, February 21st.

*This Sunday, we focus on **Solidarity.***

We are one human family, called by the Gospel to see and act globally. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences.

How does my support of goods and services affect my brothers and sisters in other nations?

Do the policies I support reflect a sensitivity and solidarity with developing nations?

Please join us for any or all of our prayer services.

Sunday, February 21: Solidarity with speaker Kristin Parker

Sunday, February 28: Call to Participation with speaker Lizzie Salsich

Sunday, March 7: Rights and Responsibilities with speaker Robert Bodeker

Sunday, March 14: Dignity of the Human Person with speaker Sr. Karen Pollard

Sunday, March 21: Parish-sponsored Lenten Speaker

Sunday, March 28: Care of Creation with speaker Perri Winkelman

The Catholic Employment Network is meeting every other Wednesday at 3:00pm at Catholic Charities Midtown Center. If you are between jobs and looking for information, job leads and networking opportunities this may be for you! The next meeting is Wednesday, March 3rd. For more information call 314-534-1180.

**God Bless You
This Lent ...**



The “I Knew That” Trivia Night to benefit Midtown is Saturday, March 6th at College Church, Grand and Lindell. Tables of 8 are \$160. Prizes, games, auction and lots of fun. To register your table call 314-534-1180 or download a registration from www.midtowncc.org.

Did you know? Changes are on the way. A new translation of the prayers and responses of our Eucharistic celebration is coming. An exact date has not been determined, but it is expected within the next two years. These changes will affect everyone: clergy, musicians **and** people in the pews. Here is your opportunity to learn first-hand about the upcoming changes from an expert on the liturgy.

The Duchesne Branch of National Pastoral Musicians is pleased to present Father Paul Turner, who will speak on **“Preparing for the New Roman Missal”**. Father Turner is a well-known scholar, teacher, speaker, and author. He is currently pastor of Saint Munchin Parish in Cameron, Missouri, and has been serving as facilitator to the bishops of the International Commission of English in the Liturgy as they have worked on the new English translation of the *Roman Missal*.

All Saints Parish (in St. Peters) is hosting this event. It will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd @ 7:30 pm in the parish center. There is no charge to attend and “All Are Welcome”. Save the date and plan to attend!

Please RSVP by February 24th at 314-747-3412 or foeller@vision.wustl.edu

On Becoming a Spiritual Mentor - New Opportunities for Faith Deepening will be presented by Dr. Richard Johnson on Thursday, March 4, 2010, 10 AM to 3 PM at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. This workshop is designed for Maturing Adults who wish to form deeper relationships and demonstrate God’s love in their lives with others, whether these are family members, children, grandchildren, friends or acquaintances. \$35 pre-registration fee includes lunch. For a brochure or to register, please call the Office of Laity & Family Life, 314.792.7183.

Today —Ash Wednesday—I talked with the children, and Adults at Mass, about *turning* as the Lord says Return to me. We turn many times a day, and this is the time to turn away from things that don’t give us life, and turn to the Lord. Today is the recitation of the great temptations of Christ—to material security, to popularity, and to control. It’s great to be freed! From the things we allow to entrap us. If you want to use the time, the season for something practical—lose weight, take up a beneficial practice—we’ll do so. But make sure you’re checking deep enough, for the things that may be sapping your life of energy, and re-tap into the life-giving grace of God.



My thanks to all who brought about the great event of our **Chapel Dedication!** Msgr. Gardin has been thanked for us all, and we have recognized those who designed and did work on the chapel to bring it to its great state. Masses in there have already been a joy, and I hope children are comfortable in there with their parents when the big church isn’t working for them. It was great to have the priests from the Vincentian community, and Zip Rzeppa and Ron Guz from the Archdiocesan St. Vincent DePaul organization. Between this and the Mardi Gras fundraiser, we renewed ourselves in the spirit of sacrificial giving, and as Msgr. Gardin reminded us, to look for the face of Christ in the poor. A good lead-in to Lent, with practices of sacrifice, prayer, and charitable giving.

Hello and Welcome to Erin Ruegg! Erin has come onto the staff of the rectory, filling the position vacant since late December. She comes with a strong background in administration and especially in customer service, for insurance matters and the like. She brings a very positive attitude, and strong spirituality in the practice of her Catholic faith. She has already been a positive addition to our workspace.

Finally, I may be leaving for a few days over my mother’s health. She’s been uncomfortable and had a number of hospital stays, and is now getting treatment for ongoing symptoms of congestive heart failure. I may take up a trip to New Jersey soon, and I thank you for your prayers for her and my family, who have gone to great pains to attend to her.

Monday, 2/22

Parish Council, 7:00 p.m., RMR

Tuesday 2/23

School Board, 7:00 p.m., RMR

Wednesday, 2/24

Atrium, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 39th St.

Finance, 7:00 p.m., RMR

Athletic Assoc., 7:00 p.m., RB

Admin., 8:00 p.m., RMR

Choir, 7:15 p.m., Church & CH

Thursday, 2/25

Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Chapel

Atrium, ages 3-5, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., 39th St.

Friday, 2/26

All School Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, 2/27

GOC Rummage Collection, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., outside of church

Sunday, 2/28

GOC Rummage Collection, 7:30 a.m. - 12 noon, outside of church

Atrium, ages 6-8, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., ages 9-12, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 39th St.

Prolife Mtg., 9:00 a.m., RB

RCIA, 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., RMR

DuBourg Swing Dance, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., CH



LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY THIS SUMMER?



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Margaret of Scotland is offering a summer session for 3, 4, & 5 year olds. Groups will meet one morning a week (Tues., Wed., Thurs.) through June and July for 1-1/2 hours. The cost for the summer session is \$90.00. Open house will be held on Wed., Feb. 24th & Thur., 25th from 9:00 to 11:00a.m. at our location (called the Atrium) 2201 S. 39th Street (across the street from St. Margaret of Scotland Church). For more information contact Therese Noecker at 314-776-7636 or trnoecker@yahoo.com.

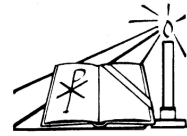
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Why not start the Lenten season with prayer and meditation every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Vincentian Children’s Chapel. For more information call Therese Noecker at 314-776-7636 or Carmela Garza at 314-517-8311.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by Mary Lisa Penilla

You've been there, right? You've gotten the job review you deserve; your kiddo bursts out, "I love you SO MUCH!"; that months-long project finishes, to accolades. You're soaring. You know who you are, and others see and confirm the giftedness that is you.



Jesus must have felt this a hundredfold, just before entering the desert. He'd been baptized by John where, Luke tells us, "the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in visible form...A voice from heaven was heard to say, 'You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests'" (Lk 3: 21-22). *Does it get any better than this??*

When Jesus enters the desert, it isn't a mistaken turn off a path meant only for doves and booming voices. Luke is clear that Jesus was "led by the Spirit into the desert" (Lk 4: 1). I want to shout, Get back to the river - stick with the hallelujahs!

St. Ignatius offers insight. He observed in prayer a rhythm that includes times of consolation – when knowing God's love and favor are almost shockingly evident – and periods of desolation – when that landscape feels dry and barren. In the desert of desolation, how dearly I want to be filled! Desperate for comfort I risk righteous leaps: "God would want me/the poor/the rich - to have/be/want this. After all, He said He loves me..."

Hunger comes; the desert is part of life. I find it worth straining to listen. Romans reminds us, His voice intimately remains – "near you, in your mouth and in your heart". The rest is just dross.

A hungry Jesus did not succumb because he knew his deepest desire was intimacy with God. What is your deepest desire? What will help you "cling" (Ps 91:14) to it when hungry?

PARISH NURSE

by Cathy White

February is National Heart Health Month: Extensive clinical and statistical studies have identified several risk factors that increase the risk of coronary heart disease and heart attack. Major risk factors are those that research has shown significantly increase the risk of heart and blood vessel (cardiovascular) disease. Listed below are three of the six major risk factors identified by the American Heart Association.

Tobacco smoke — Smokers' risk of developing coronary heart disease is 2-4 times that of nonsmokers. Cigarette smoking is a powerful independent risk factor for sudden cardiac death in patients with coronary heart disease; smokers have about twice the risk of nonsmokers. Cigarette smoking also acts with other risk factors to greatly increase the risk for coronary heart disease. People who smoke cigars or pipes seem to have a higher risk of death from coronary heart disease (and possibly stroke) but their risk isn't as great as cigarette smokers'. Exposure to other people's smoke increases the risk of heart disease even for nonsmokers.

High blood cholesterol — As blood cholesterol rises, so does risk of coronary heart disease. When other risk factors (such as high blood pressure and tobacco smoke) are present, this risk increases even more. A person's cholesterol level is also affected by age, sex, heredity and diet.

High blood pressure — High blood pressure increases the heart's workload, causing the heart to thicken and become stiffer. It also increases your risk of stroke, heart attack, kidney failure and congestive heart failure. When high blood pressure exists with obesity, smoking, high blood cholesterol levels or diabetes, the risk of heart attack or stroke increases several times. (<http://www.americanheart.org>)

SGSM Annual Day of Recollection on Tues. Mar. 9th from 10-3 at St. Anthony's Parish Center. Topics are "Lenten Renewal and Letting Go" and "Laughter, Prayer, and Healing." Cost with lunch is \$10. Call Sister Carrol at 353-1255 to register.



Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2010-2011 school year must obtain a "FACTS" application from the Rectory. 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, 2010** and **must** include a copy of your 2009 Income Tax Return. **Grants for the 2010-2011 school year are made possible through the generosity of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Catholic Education Office appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.**

CONGRATULATIONS St. Elizabeth Academy is proud to announce that Stephanie Barker, Claire Domian, Kimberly Greiner and Erin Turney from St. Margaret of Scotland have been inducted into the National Honor Society. Stephanie Barker, Clarie Domian, Hannah Franko and Erin Turney have also earned 1st Honors for the Fall semester having an overall average of 95% or higher with no grade of 75% or lower for the 1st semester. Congratulations and continued success!

RESPECT LIFE An organizational meeting for a St. Margaret of Scotland Respect Life committee will be held at 9 AM on Sunday February 28 in the rectory basement. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

All other Fridays of Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

PARISH LIBRARY—The relocated and revamped SMOS lending library is **now** available for parishioners to use. It's easy to sign out/in materials and easy to find on the west wall of the Church Hall. The Worship Committee encourages all to see what is available and enjoy this resource for growth in the Catholic faith.



SVDP THANK YOU

On behalf of all the Vincentian members at St. Margaret's we extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone for making last weekend so special for us. Your attendance and support at our Mardi Gras Party on Friday evening was outstanding, our largest crowd ever. And the Sunday Mass celebrating our 100th Anniversary as a SVDP Conference and the Vincentian Children's Chapel dedication was something we will not soon forget. Thanks be to God and to you. And thank you for your continued prayers and support as we continue to serve our less fortunate neighbors and friends in a whole new century in the name of our SMOS parish family.

GAVIN CENTER RUMMAGE COLLECTION

The next rummage collection for the Gavin Outreach Center will be on Sat., 2/27, 3:00-6:00p.m. & Sun., 2/28, 7:30a.m. to noon. Clothes, books, toys and household items are all welcome. No large pieces of furniture or appliances please.

BUTTERBRAID SALE SOON!

The long wait is almost over. You can restock your freezer with those delicious apple, cinnamon, cream cheese, cherry or Bavarian crème butterbraids soon. Sales will take place after mass the weekends of March 13 & 14 and 20 & 21. It's always a special day when there's a butterbraid for breakfast!

Call 776-2204 or e-mail jgoldone@yahoo.com for more information on any of the above.