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PARISH INFORMATION

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:
Mon. by 4:00 p.m.

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 p.m. or 10 a.m. Mass? Call Cathy White at 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 at 776-7636 or Carmela Garza at 517-8311.

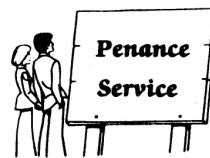
HOSPITAL VISITS/ANOINTING OF SICK: Please call the rectory if you or a family member is hospitalized or if you want Anointing of the Sick.

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

Weekly Collection	
February 28th General Fund	\$6,551.80
Number of Envelopes Used	111
Week of February 22nd	
Electronic Giving	\$1,102.44
Number of Givers	18
February Total General Fund	\$31,309.49
February Weekly Average	\$7,827.38

Parish Penance Service

Monday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.
We will have several confessors available to serve you. Please consider using this chance for the experience of God's healing mercy before Easter.



RESPECT LIFE

A meeting of the St. Margaret of Scotland Respect Life committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday March 14th in the rectory basement. All interested parishioners are invited to attend. If unable to make the meeting, please contact Scott Wilson at artatk@sbcglobal.net or 832-0722.

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. March 13th - 4:30 p.m.
Chloe Simmons, Sarah Connolly, Liam Connolly

Sun. March 14th - 8:00 a.m.
Alec Hendrickson, Paul Hendrickson, Allie Kennebeck

Sun. March 14th - 10:00 a.m.
Marisa Holloway, Kate Sudholt, Kevin Gerstner



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. March 13th - 4:30 p.m.
Therese Noecker, Carmela Garza

Sun. March 14th - 8:00 a.m.
Barb Lenzini, Jessica Luitjohan

Sun. March 14th - 10:00 a.m.
Suzanne Bruce, Julie Gryskiewicz, Julio Zegarra-Ballon, Kim Zamastil, Dorothy Wamser, Debb Halter, Richard Buthod, Linda Holdinghaus, Greg Rohde



LECTORS

Sat. March 13th - 4:30 p.m.
Genevieve Buthod, Patrick Bittick

Sun. March 14th - 8:00 a.m.
McGraw Milhaven, Kim Joos

Sun. March 14th - 10:00 a.m.
Ann Egenreither, John Merideth



GREETERS FOR MARCH

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

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake

10:00 a.m. Patty Hendrickson



COFFEE & DONUTS 3/14/10

Donut Pick-Up: Bob & Joyce Herleth
Coffee for March: Linda Holdinghaus
Donut Clean Up: Linda Holdinghaus



DRIVERS

3/13/10 Marco Kramer
3/14/10 Gary Pey

SHOPS VOLUNTEER

Sat. March 13th - 4:30 p.m.
Elaine Burrus

Sun. March 14th - 8:00 a.m.
Cindy Riordan

Sun. March 14th - 10:00 a.m.
Barb Potts

Monday, March 8th

6:30 a.m. Henry Family
8:00 a.m. Timothy & Jena Brake

Tuesday, March 9th

6:30 a.m. Rose Ann Hackmann
8:00 a.m. Albert Hackmann

Wednesday, March 10th

6:30 a.m. Gloria Bourque

Thursday, March 11th

6:30 a.m. Fritz Family

Friday, March 12th

6:30 a.m. Barry Waybright
8:00 a.m. Casey Family Intention

Saturday, March 13th

4:30 p.m. Walter Shirley

Sunday, March 14th (Fr. Kavanaugh)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. Mike Green



Mass Intentions For The Week



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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - Luke 13:7

Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back?



March 7 through March 14, 2010

Sunday: Ex:3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11
1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3,43:3-4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21b Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a,10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

ALREADY?? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!



Those of us who are a little older say this each year at several points—when Christmas is near, for instance. We can't believe that time has rolled around again—the seasons evolve more quickly, it seems.

We're at another critical point to say, "Omigosh—already??" The third Sunday of Lent begins the core of this great season, central to our Christian growth. There are 3 cycles of readings, but when catechumens—now called "the elect", the chosen for sacraments of initiation this year—are present, an option is to use the Cycle A readings, which contain the three greatest conversion stories in the Gospels. Since Tyler is present among us to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, we will all share in these great stories again. Bob and Janice, baptized Christians preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church, have a journey much like ours, to deepen our life of faith in Christ, walking with ever deeper courage and love in a world of conflicting energies.

I remind you that the classic observance of Lent has three practices: Self-denial, Prayer, and Charity (almsgiving). For some reason, Lent has popularly come to mean "what I'm giving Up", which is one, but only one of the bases. Extra prayer, deeper prayer is supported by all the Sunday liturgy elements and the whole atmosphere, and can make a lasting difference in our peace of mind and calm in addressing the tough issues of our lives. Charity or almsgiving, letting go of some of our treasure for more urgent needs, puts us in direct solidarity with the suffering. By this time, some in the church usually feel they've started Lenten practices and have at least some focus and momentum. Others may feel they've never started, and wonder if it's too late and consider letting the season just go by. (An excuse?) **There is still plenty of time left!** After Jesus leads the way facing temptations, and a glimpse of glory last week, we're just getting into the heart of the season.

Yes, the time is moving fast. St. Paul said last Sunday, "Now is the acceptable time of salvation!"

Monday, 3/8

Phy. Plant, 7:00 p.m., RB



Tuesday, 3/9

PTA Exec., 7:00 p.m., School
Prayer Shawl, 7:00 p.m., Marr Res
Worship, 7:30 p.m., RMR

Wednesday, 3/10

Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 39th St.
Choir, 7:15 p.m., Church & CH

Thursday, 3/11

Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Chapel
Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 39th St.

Friday, 3/12

No School - AM Faculty Mtg., PM Parent/Teacher Conferences

Saturday, 3/13

SVDP Member Retreat, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., CH
SVDP Butter Braid Sale, After Mass

Sunday, 3/14

SVDP Butter Braid Sale, After Masses
Atrium, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 39th St.
Respect Life, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., RB
RCIA, 11:15a.m., RMR
Credit Union Dinner, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., CH
DuBourg Swing, 6:30 p.m., CH
Social Justice Lent Program, 7:00 p.m., Church

St. Margaret's Credit Union annual meeting will be on March 14th in the Church Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Members and anyone interested in joining are welcome. RSVP to Elaine Burrus at 776-0517 or Dorothy Wamser at 865-1897.

The Central South City Interfaith Event

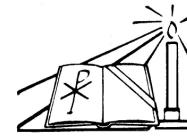
Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Walls (IP/FB) is a MO nonprofit, tax exempt organization that works with congregations, faith communities and individuals from **ALL** religious traditions to promote peace, respect and understanding among people of all faiths and to perform community service projects through volunteer opportunities.

IP/FB will present a program at St. Pius V Catholic Church on Sunday, March 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The program will review the partnership between community organizations in the south central St. Louis area and the service work accomplished by the partnerships. The program will have a panel discussion by clergy and members of various faith traditions regarding the relevancy of interfaith dialogue.

For more information, please contact Rev. Michael Vosler at 314-481-4357 or mvuccoef@earthlink.net.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

by Rachael Edelen



In today's Gospel, we encounter the well-known story of the Samaritan woman at the well.

Both the Jews and the Samaritans were descendents of Israel; however, the kingdom split in two (the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah) following the Assyrian invasion and exile. Time and distance changed the two groups into distinct populations: the Samaritans, who lived in the northern kingdom of Israel, and the Jews from the southern kingdom of Judah.

By the time Jesus was having a conversation with this woman at a well, Jewish people, as a whole, considered Samaritans to be lower class than themselves, and certainly not as religiously pure. From the perspective of Jesus' people, she was "unapproachable" for two reasons: she was a Samaritan and a woman. And, it turns out that she was something of a pariah in her own social group; her checkered marital history was another strike against her. She was quite alone. Yet Jesus engaged this lowly woman in a theological conversation that changed this woman's outlook on her own life and faith. In turn, many other Samaritans were drawn to Jesus and also believed.

None of this would have happened if Jesus stayed comfortable in His own social caste, following social norms of His time, ignoring someone on the basis of her label.

As we go about our days in the next week, let us think about these questions:

- What are my stereotypes or "-isms?" Do they have to do with age, sex, race, national origin, wealth, religious belief, sexual orientation, etc.?
- What can I do to try to break these barriers down in my own life or in my community, to see each individual as God sees them?

The SMOS School Board is currently seeking three candidates to replace incumbent board members whose terms are up after the 2009-2010 school year. Appointed members will hold three-year terms. The primary responsibility of the School Board is to advise the parish pastor and school principal on administrative decisions to promote and strengthen the school and the parish community. Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to, recommending tuition rates each year, acting as a liaison between school parents and school administration and ensuring implementation of revised school policies. If interested please contact Colleen Wyss at cewyss@earthlink.net.

PARISH NURSE

by Cathy White

The American Heart Association has identified six risk factors for heart disease. In a previous column, three of the six major risk factors were discussed. These risk factors are tobacco smoke, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. This week's focus is on the three remaining risk factors. Remember, these are risk factors that can be modified, treated or controlled by changing your lifestyle or taking medicine. (www.americanheart.org)

Physical Inactivity - An inactive lifestyle is a risk factor for coronary heart disease. Physical activity can help control cholesterol, diabetes and obesity, as well as help lower blood pressure in some people. Regular, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity helps prevent heart and blood vessel disease. The more vigorous the activity, the greater your benefits. However, even moderate-intensity activities help if done regularly and long term.

Obesity and Overweight - People who have excess body fat - especially if a lot of it is at the waist - are more likely to develop heart disease and stroke even if they have no other risk factors. Excess weight increases the heart's work. It also raises blood pressure and blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and lowers HDL ("good") cholesterol levels. It can also make diabetes more likely to develop. By losing even as few as 10 pounds, you can lower your heart disease risk.

Diabetes Mellitus - Diabetes seriously increases your risk of developing cardiovascular disease. Even when glucose (blood sugar) levels are under control, diabetes increases the risk of heart disease and stroke, but the risks are even greater if blood sugar is not well controlled. About three-quarters of people with diabetes die of some form of heart or blood vessel disease. If you have diabetes, it's extremely important to work with your healthcare provider to manage it and control any other risk factors you can.

News From School

We've done it again! St. Margaret of Scotland school has a long history of participating in the National History Day competition, a research based competition for students in middle school and high school. Every year we send students to the local competition sponsored by the history department of the University of Missouri; from there those students who have earned the distinction of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place go on to the state level to compete for the honor of going to the national level to compete with students from across the United States. I am proud to announce our 1st and 2nd place winners:

Individual Exhibit: **Paul Hendrickson** (8th grade)

Jack Casey (6th grade)

Group Exhibit: **Theresa and Joseph Schneider** (7th and 8th grades)

Individual Performance: **Veronica White** (8th grade)

Of the 150 entries at the St. Louis history day competition only 23 would be invited to go on to the state competition. This year, of the 23 winning entries, 17 were from our Archdiocesan Catholic schools. Represented at local history day were: Holy Infant School, Our Lady School, St. Margaret of Scotland School, and St. Raphael School. Congratulations teachers and students from our Catholic schools, you demonstrate well the learning that can happen in a faith-based, community.

Their exhibits and performances will be on display in our school gym at our annual SMART fair. Parishioners are invited to view the winning history day projects and lots of other SMART projects. (see below for details)

SMART (St. Margaret's Academic Research Training)

On March 10 in the school gym, from 6:30 – 8:00, all of our students in grades 4 through 8 will display their SMART projects and willingly speak with viewers about their work. Projects on display include: History Day and Science Fair, as well as research projects in Literature, Math and Religion. SMOS students love to show off their "smarts," come see what's so exciting about hard work and quality learning.

SMART's entire process from initial research to final adjudication prepares students in 21st century thinking and learning. By the 7th and 8th grade level, the research is high school quality, if not college level. From 4th – 8th grade, SMART students learn the skill of budgeting time and organizing their work. In class and at the SMART fair students defend their work before judges as they explain their research. SMART students take enormous pride in their work, develop amazing research skills, and demonstrate maturity and poise in presentation. It is one of those learning experiences that lasts a life time.

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 a different tenet of Catholic Social Teaching.

*This Sunday, we focus on **Rights and Responsibilities.***

Our decisions must support a community's fundamental right to food, shelter, clothing, employment, healthcare and education. All humans have these rights, and they must be protected.

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

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

Sunday, March 14: Dignity of the Human Person with speaker Sr. Elaine Aubuchon

Sunday, March 21: Parish-sponsored Lenten Speaker

Sunday, March 28: Care of Creation with speaker TBD

BUTTERBRAID SALE NEXT WEEKEND!

The long wait is almost over. You can restock your freezer with those delicious apple, caramel, cinnamon, cream cheese, Bavarian Cream, Raspberry or cherry butterbraids soon. Sales will take place after all masses over the next two weekends, March 13 & 14 and 20 & 21. It's always a special day when there's a butterbraid for breakfast! The cost is \$11.00 each. Cash and carry. Or consider the "Buy Two, Donate One" promotion for \$20. Keep one for you and your family and we will bake the other to give to a family we visit.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

LENTEN SUPPER

The annual SVDP and Social Justice Ministry 'Stations of the Cross and Lenten Supper' will take place on Friday, March 19th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in church, followed by a light Lenten supper in the Church Hall. Plan on participating in this wonderful church tradition and help support those in need by staying for supper.

SVDP FURNITURE PICKUP

The next furniture pick up date will be Saturday, March 20th. If you have any furniture items, still in good condition, that you no longer use, please call Joe Hagen at 773-0800 to schedule a pick up. He will be happy to find a good home for the items.

PANTRY NEEDS

Our needs are always great for personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), cleaning products (laundry and dish soap), and paper products (paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, clear food wrap, etc.). Please think of those we share our blessing with the next time you shop. Drop all items in the collection bins at the rear of church.

March 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 First Communion parent mtg., 7p, School	2	3 Diabetic testing, 10-12p, CH Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St. Choir, 7:15p, Church & CH	4 Eucharistic Ador., 9a-10p Side Chapel Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St.	5 All School Mass, 8a	6 Rummage sale, 8-12p, GOC
7 SVDP, 8:50-9:50a, RB RCIA, 11:15a, RMR Atrium, 8:30-1:30p, 39 th St. Rummage Sale, 8-12p, GOC Youth Group, 6-8p, RB DuBourg Swing, 6:30p, CH Social Justice Lent Program, 7p, Church	8 Phy. Plant, 7p, RB	9 PTA Exec., 7p, School Prayer Shawl, 7p, Marr Res Worship, 7:30p, RMR	10 Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St. Choir, 7:15p, Church & CH	11 Eucharistic Ador., 9a-10p Side Chapel Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St.	12 No School— AM Faculty meeting, PM Parent/Teacher Conferences	13 SVDP member retreat, 8-4p, CH SVDP butter braid sale, after mass
14 Daylight Savings begins! RCIA, 11:15a, RMR Atrium, 8:30-1:30p, 39 th St. SVDP butter braid sale, Credit Union Dinner, 4:30-6p, CH DuBourg Swing, 6:30p, CH Social Justice Lent Program, 7p, Church	15 Parish Penance Service, 7p, Church Ladies Aux., 7p, CH	16 Christian Formation, 7p, RMR	17 Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St. School Board, 7p, RMR Choir, 7:15p, Church & CH	18 Eucharistic Ador., 9a-10p Side Chapel Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St. 8 th Ward Dem., 7:30p, CH	19 All School Mass, 8a Lenten Stations and Supper, 6:30p, Church & CH	20 SVDP butter braid sale, after Mass
21 RCIA, 9-2p, RMR & RB Atrium, 8:30-1:30p, 39 th St. SVDP butter braid sale, DuBourg Swing, 6:30p, CH Social Justice Lent Program, 7p, Church	22 Parish Council, 7p, RMR	23	24 Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St. Finance, 7p, RMR Athletic Assoc., 7p, RB Choir, 7:15p, Church & CH	25 Eucharistic Ador., 9a-10p Side Chapel Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St.	26 All School Mass, 8a Blue & Gold Dinner, 5-8p, CH	27
28 Palm Sunday RCIA, 11:15a, RMR Atrium, 8:30-1:30p, 39 th St. DuBourg Swing, 6:30p, CH Social Justice Lent Program, 7p, Church	29	30	31 Atrium, 3-5 yrs., 9:30-11a, 39 th St. Choir, 7:15p, Church & CH	April 1 Holy Thursday (No School)	April 2 Good Friday (School & Rectory closed)	April 3 Holy Saturday (Rectory Closed)

RMR = Rectory Meeting Room
RB = Rectory Basement
CH = Church Hall
GOC = Gavin Outreach Center