



SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 21, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



CUTTING A PATH

St. Margaret maintenance engineers Carlos Fritz (left) and Scott Wesemann (far right) carve through the snow drift that piled up alongside the church last week.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday thru Friday at 6:30 a.m.

Holy Days and holidays as published in Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 22

6:30 a.m. Fr. Jack Gavin, OSA +

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 a.m. Ray & Marie Austermann +
(8:15 a.m. Claudine Chunn +)*

Wednesday, February 24

6:30 a.m. John "Jack" Stirnemann +

Thursday, February 25

6:30 a.m. Remo Beffa +

Friday, February 26

6:30 a.m. Daniel Hackett +
(8:15 a.m. The Casey Family +)*

Saturday, February 27

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 28

8:00 a.m. William Groth +
10:00 a.m. Thomas Deiters +

* For the safe health of our students attending these Masses, they are not open for public attendance.

To mark a special occasion or to remember a beloved family member or friend, living or deceased, with a Mass intention please call the Parish Office at 314-776-0363. The bishops of Missouri ask the faithful to make a \$10 offering for each Mass if they are able.

LIVING JUSTICE NEWS

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PARISH STATEMENT ON RACISM

The SMOS Racial Equity Team is looking for feedback on the working draft of our parish statement on racism. Any parishioner who would like to take part in this process please contact Mike Holdinghaus at holdinghaus@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your time and dedication to this important element of our parish's commitment to anti-racist work.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Parish prays before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Drop-ins are welcome and encouraged. We meet in the main body of Church, please sit towards the front of the church. If you have questions or need more information contact the Parish Office 314-776-0363.



MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

January 2021

Total General Fund Contributions:	\$63,220.32
General Fund Budget Goal:	\$55,460.00
Amount Over/(Under) Budget:	\$7,760.32
Number of Sundays:	5

FY21 YTD (July '20 - January '21)

Total General Fund Contributions:	\$405,355.73
General Fund Budget Goal:	\$343,860.00
Amount Over (Under) Budget:	\$61,495.73

Save the Date

A SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PRODUCTION



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We might be in the middle of a pandemic, but the show must (safely) go on!

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Questions? Contact us at auction@stmargaretstl.org.



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BY FR. MATT O'TOOLE

Good Stewardship of Our Parish School – Our parish’s Finance Committee and School Board have completed their collaboration with the school administration in finalizing next year’s budget. Much study, planning and sensitivity goes into this process. The result is their recommendation to me for the tuition rates. I have approved their plans, and I share with you here the tuition table for the 2021-2022 school year. These figures are based on many factors: increases to salaries and benefits made by the Archdiocese for faculty and staff; curriculum, textbooks and materials; utilities and maintenance; and the projected number of students. In addition to tuition, parents pay registration, book and disposable materials fees and agree to purchase or sell a minimum of \$100 in Dragon Raffle tickets.

Pre-School

	FY2021	FY2022	Change	Monthly change
Preschool 1	\$6,425	\$ 6,775	\$350	\$29
Preschool 2	\$9,235	\$ 9,755	\$520	\$43

Kindergarten through 8th grade

	FY2021	FY2022	Change	Monthly change
Parishioner 1 Child	\$5,871	\$ 6,200	\$329	\$27
Parishioner 2 Children	\$9,034	\$ 9,552	\$518	\$43
Parishioner 3 Children	\$10,654	\$ 11,279	\$625	\$52
Parishioner 4 Children	\$11,395	\$ 12,081	\$686	\$57
Non-Parishioner 1 Child	\$6,296	\$ 6,625	\$329	\$27
Non-Parishioner 2 Children	\$9,884	\$ 10,402	\$518	\$43
Non-Parishioner 3 Children	\$11,929	\$ 12,554	\$625	\$52
Non-Parishioner 4 Children	\$13,105	\$ 13,781	\$676	\$56

As I’m sure you know, tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating a child at St. Margaret of Scotland. We rely on the hard work of volunteers, the donations families make, the funds raised by our biennial Auction, grants awarded for various projects, scholarships provided by the Archdiocese, and the generosity of the parish.

I am very mindful that the pandemic has created financial hardships for some families. Meeting the cost of Catholic education can be a challenge for those beset by these circumstances. We stand ready to assist those who request help by working with the scholarships available through the Archdiocese and our own resources here at St. Margaret.

Thank you for your support of our parish school.



Goody Bags for Lent – Our faith formation team at St. Margaret has assembled Lenten resources for each parish family. The purple “goody bags” are available at the altar of St. Joseph in church beginning this weekend and are ready to be taken home. They are filled with resources and ideas to assist you this Lent in the practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. Please take one per family. If you are remaining at home these days and would like a Lenten goody bag delivered to you (inside the parish boundaries, please), contact Ruth Pera at ffc@stmargaretstl.org or call the parish office.

Rev. Matthew O'Toole

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gathering Hymn

I Have Loved You

Michael Joncas

I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: He will bring you his care and his love.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
Therefore I ask Blessed Mary—ever virgin—all the angels and saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy. / Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. / Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. / Lord, have mercy.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”

God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

Peter F. Hesed

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel Acclamation

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Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (Lord Jesus Christ).

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Will Thompson

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Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling – Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Mass Setting

Mass for Christian Unity, Jan Vermulst

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; ... grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

In Every Age

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

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In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our refuge. In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

Closing Hymn

The Cross of Jesus

Francis Patrick O'Brien

Deep within create a new heart; melt away the winter chill,
Help us now to make a new start, help us now to know your will.
Washed in waters of forgiveness, cleansed in waters of new birth,
Lead us to the Cross of Jesus, bringing life to all the earth.

Call us forth to walk in justice, rescue us from sin and grave.
Through the power of your Spirit, breathe in us the breath that saves.
Strengthen us in our communion, one in Word and cup and bread.
Here within the Cross of Jesus, all who hunger will be fed.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



GROWING IN FAITH

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan." - Mark 1:12-13

Every year when I hear this passage marking the beginning of Lent, I think of Jesus heading out in the desert, and envision myself preparing my Lenten sacrifices so that I might join him there. But this year, I feel like I've been out here waiting in the desert for 345 days already (yes, we're counting).

Some years, the call to Lenten sacrifice is almost welcome - a chance to cut out some of the selfishness that inevitably finds root during the dark winter months and to prepare in my heart for the joy that God's life and love brings with Easter and the spring. If I'm being honest, my mind's eye envisions me preparing for Lent this year in bedraggled battle gear, smearing mud on my face while I reflect: "Prayer? Fasting? Giving? Bring it, Lent."

This year, the challenge for me is remembering God's covenant to us, presented in the first reading: a promise to care for the Earth and all her creatures forever. Though our lives have certainly been blessed with love and hope in these last 345 days, I need this Lent to remind me to carve out space to sit in prayer in the lap of my Maker and listen to the stories of his love and concern for my life. I want to remember the stories of Christ giving for us as I fast and give. This year, Lent is not for making my heart stronger through refining fire, it's for making my heart softer - so that I can remember the depths of God's love for me and the hope of his promises.



Maybe you identify with this, and maybe not. Wherever you are this Lent, I hope that the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving you take on this Lent bring you closer to God's blessings of joy and peace for you. Friends, let us begin.



BY RUTH PERA
COORDINATOR OF
FAITH FORMATION

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM NEWS

All employees of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and School and all volunteers working with/near/around minors and/or vulnerable adults are required to complete the five components of the Archdiocese's Safe Environment Program. After creating an account in the Prevent and Protect STL system, an individual must attend a live Protecting God's Children workshop, submit a national criminal background screening and agree to regular updates, view two online training modules, and read and agree to the Code of Ethical Conduct. Visit <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org> to register and use the passcode "stlprotect" to access the database. For step-by-step instructions, please contact Carmela Garza at 314-776-0363 or cgarza@stmargaretstl.org.



CREATE A LASTING MEMORY

Secure your name in St. Margaret of Scotland history by purchasing a personalized engraved brick paver to be placed in our Commemorative Court, located in front of the church. A personalized engraved paver is a perfect way to celebrate a child's baptism, commemorate a marriage or anniversary; or celebrate the life of a loved one. Pavers come in two sizes: 4"x8" (\$250) and 12"x12" (\$750), and they can be purchased on WeShare at <https://stmargaretstl.weshareonline.org/> or by contacting Carmela at 314-776-0363 or cgarza@stmargaretstl.org



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