

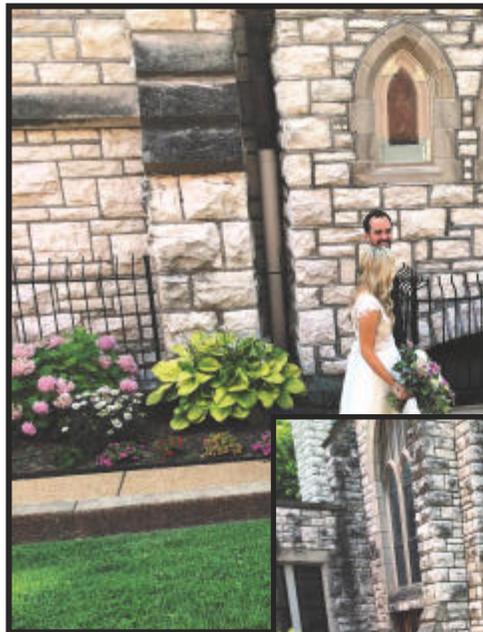


SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

JULY 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ENJOYING CHURCH'S COURTYARD

On July 2 Nicole Eldridge and Alex Dwyer celebrated the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. They took family photos in our church's beautiful courtyard. We are so grateful to all of our garden volunteers and our maintenance engineer Carlos Fritz who help maintain the gardens year round for all to enjoy.

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.

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Monday, 2:00 p.m.
E-mail submissions to:
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Margaret of Scotland Church is a diverse, urban, Catholic parish. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and the example of our patroness, we are called to be a vibrant voice and beacon of the Catholic faith in our neighborhoods.



We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action by:

- ✦ Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic community,
- ✦ Educating children and adults to live a full Christian life in today's world,
- ✦ Serving others with unconditional generosity, and
- ✦ Living just lives and working for a more just society.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School is a diverse, urban, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community. We promise a challenging learning environment for children, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, in which they realize their academic potential and giftedness in body, mind and spirit. Our students embody the example of our patron saint as responsible leaders and caretakers of our community through works of service and social justice.



TOGETHER IN BAPTISM



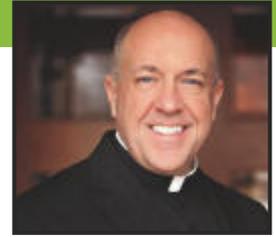
We welcome to the church the newly baptized **Jayden William Cowan** son of Susie and Jeff Cowan, **Margaret Luisa Maldonado** daughter of Erin and

Ruben Maldonado, **Patrick Lawrence Reynolds** son of Margaret and Daniel Reynolds and **Margaret Ann Janusick** daughter of Ellen and Ryan Janusick. Please join us in congratulating these parents upon the baptism of their child. We pledge to them our continued prayerful support throughout the journey of Christian parenting.

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A NEW WEEK

In my first weeks at St. Margaret of Scotland, I have loved praying with you at Sunday Mass. I'm impressed by the dedicated and faithful staff. I've been warmly welcomed and greeted by so many. I've noted the great pride and love that all of you have for this parish. So, thanks for all that, and thanks, too, for the great welcome sign at the corner of 39th & Flad in front of the Church; it's really fun!



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

I've already told you about my family and some personal history and my parish assignments. So, what else? I'm inspired and energized by the example and words of Pope Francis, and he makes me want to be a better priest and a better Catholic. I love the theatre and I often attend plays and musicals. My parents started bringing me to the Muny when I was five years old, and I've been there in the summertime every Friday night since then. I missed seeing theatre this last year, so I'm thrilled to once again be able to see shows at the Muny, the Fox, the Rep, and Stages! I like going to the movies, I enjoy trying new restaurants, and I can shake a pretty good martini. Like every true St. Louisan, I'm a St. Louis Cardinals fan, but especially when they are winning. Really, I love most everything about St. Louis – our history, our parks, our attractions, our culture – and I'm very excited to be living back in the City. I find politics interesting and fascinating, and I follow it closely, but you won't ever hear me talk politics from the pulpit, of course. I try to stay healthy and I'm a bit of a gym rat, so I spend time every day at the gym for cardio, spinning, or lifting. My royal blue Mazda with my initials on the license plate makes me pretty recognizable when I drive around town. I was an '80s teenager, so I love all the one-hit wonders from that decade, but often these days I'm listening to pop or rap or hip-hop. I enjoy the adventures of traveling; Fr. O'Toole and I have traveled together frequently, including at least four trips to Europe. Paris is my favorite city in Europe and Chicago is my second favorite city in the USA. (Wasn't I lucky to be born in my favorite city?) I have a great family whose company I enjoy and a wide variety of friends and acquaintances that make my life rich, wonderful, and interesting! I enjoy being with others and talking with them, so I look forward to meeting you and hearing about your life in the weeks and months and years to come!

I believe, my new friends, that the most important activity of this parish is Sunday Eucharist, the most important group is our Sunday community, and the most important event of any week is our coming together on Sunday to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, to receive his Body and Blood, and to be transformed into his image so that we can serve one another. I know that I have much to learn about St. Margaret of Scotland, but I know this for sure: if we celebrate Sunday Eucharist with all our heart, soul, and strength, everything else will fall into place. I think it's a pretty good sign that my first Sundays at St. Margaret have been such positive and uplifting experiences! I look forward to knowing you, serving you, and loving you in the years ahead. Enjoy these summer days!



“Thank You” from Fr. O’Toole

On the weekend of my departure as pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland, I was overwhelmed by the expressions of gratitude and the good wishes for my new assignment. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the details of my send-off celebration. The farewell liturgy was St. Margaret at its best, particularly with the choir back in fine fettle. And the reception was a sad yet joyous occasion to share parting words with parishioners. I’m sorry I could not greet everyone, and I know not everyone could be present. Be assured: you remain in my memories, and I hold you close to my heart in prayer. Like an old penny, I’m sure I’ll show up again! Until then, God bless you each.



Fr. O’Toole viewing a preview of the gift he’ll receive at a later date from St. Margaret of Scotland parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 19

6:30 a.m. Jordyn Dyer & Family

Tuesday, July 20

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

Wednesday, July 21

6:30 a.m. John “Jack” Stirnemann +

Thursday, July 22

6:30 a.m. Rosalie Buckley +

Friday, July 23

6:30 a.m. Eugene Buckley +

Saturday, July 24

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Curran-Stirnemann Family

10:00 a.m. Jane Moore +

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Wednesday, July 21

Centering Prayer, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Canmore Rm

Thursday, July 22

Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Church

Friday, July 23

Standing for Racial Justice Vigil, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - in front of Compton Heights Christian Church, 2149 Grand Blvd, 63110

MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

June 2021

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| Total General Fund Contributions: | \$45,145.50 |
| General Fund Budget Goal: | \$44,370.00 |
| Amount Over/(Under) Budget: | \$(775.50) |
| Number of Sundays: | 4 |

FY21 YTD (July '20 - June '21)

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| Total General Fund Contributions: | \$655,761.00 |
| General Fund Budget Goal: | \$576,800.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) Budget: | \$78,961.00 |

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM NEWS

Are you thinking about volunteering in the next school year or with your child's sport team? All employees and volunteers of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and School 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.



BY RUTH PERA
COORDINATOR OF
FAITH FORMATION

*Shepherd
Directs the sheep
Guides them
Gathers them back together when things go wrong
Does not control what happens to them
Does do his best to keep them safe at every turn
However many he can
Which is not to say always all of them, because sometimes sheep are stupid and
get in their own way
However many he can
He never stops trying
He loves them*

This week's readings struck a chord with a few things I've seen passed around the interwebs lately. First (and if you haven't seen it, please go home and google "Sheep jumps into ditch," I promise you won't regret it) is the video of the poor sheep who has fallen into a construction trench. It brings the lighthearted laugh we all need in our days, but it was my sister's comment about the video that makes it stick with me: "Do you think it is sacramentally appropriate for me to just bring this video to confession with me? I feel like it would make things clearer."

Second, a post from Humans of New York: A man, a former Protestant pastor, discusses why he has moved away from a life of faith. He expresses a heartfelt concern over an age-old question: how can a God who is all-good have created (and live with) a world in which bad things happen, especially when they happen to innocent people? Whenever I hear others express this question, it challenges me to reflect on how my faith might respond to that real pain. Obviously, I have no definite answer. But I think that these readings help me to see the outline of one.

In these readings, I see a shepherd who always gathers his flock close. Even if other, poorer leaders (maybe even leaders they chose) are the ones who have driven them apart, like in the first reading. He draws them close through the sacrifice of his own blood. In the Gospel, he takes his chosen flock away to care for their needs, but in the end he even draws in those who aren't part of that flock, because they are persistent in seeking his care.

Today, I see a God with infinite love, patience, and desire to care for his flock. Us. I recognize that all too often, I am like that silly sheep: leaping, *so joyfully, headlong into another trench. And God is that sweet young boy, always near at hand, pulling me out again and again.* I don't know why sometimes it looks like he fails and leaves me in the trench. I don't know why bad things happen. But these readings tell my heart that it's never because he stops seeking. He will always seek. God is love.



South City Deanery PSR Registration

South City Deanery PSR provides formal Catholic religious education (Grade 1 to Confirmation Prep) for the children in parishes of the South City Deanery. Sessions are on Monday evenings, September through May from 6:20-7:40 p.m.



Our program continues and supplements the religious formation from parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We assist families in the areas of knowledge of the faith, beliefs and Christian life skills and religious practices, and strengthening the growing relationship with Jesus and his Church.

Registration for 2021-2022 South City Deanery PSR year will be held on:

August 15 (Sunday) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at St. John the Baptist Parish

August 23 (Monday) from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the St. John the Baptist Parish Center

First Reconciliation & First Communion is usually done as part of the 2nd grade curriculum. We also have preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for students grades 3-8 **Students must be in the PSR program for two years in order to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion.**

Confirmation is usually done in the 8th grade and above. **Students must be in the PSR program for two years (Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes) before being confirmed.**

For more information on the program or registration, contact Deacon George Watson at stl.scdpsr@gmail.com or 314-773-3070.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulations to *July 2021* raffle winners:

Kathleen Puhr - \$25

Judy Boedeker - \$50

John Grass - \$100

Thank you for supporting our monthly Raffle fundraiser!

PARISH SEEKING WEDDING FACILITATORS

Our parish is looking for several individuals to fill the role of parish wedding facilitator. This is a stipend position. These individuals assist the pastor with preparing the physical details of the wedding and provide hospitality to the wedding party and guests during their time in our church. If you are interested or have questions please contact to Carmela Garza at the rectory 314-776-0363 or cgarza@stmargaretstl.org.

MISSIONARY APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, July 24-25, St. Margaret of Scotland will participate in the annual Archdiocesan Missionary Appeal. Each year, every parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis is assigned a missionary, who comes to the parish to promote awareness of the Church's missionary efforts and ask for prayers and financial support. Next weekend, St. Margaret will welcome Fr. Expedito Muwonge of the Diocese of Byumba in Rwanda, who is seeking support for Rushaki School in the diocese. Envelopes for the Mission Appeal will be in the pews. Please welcome Fr. Expedito and thanks in advance for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

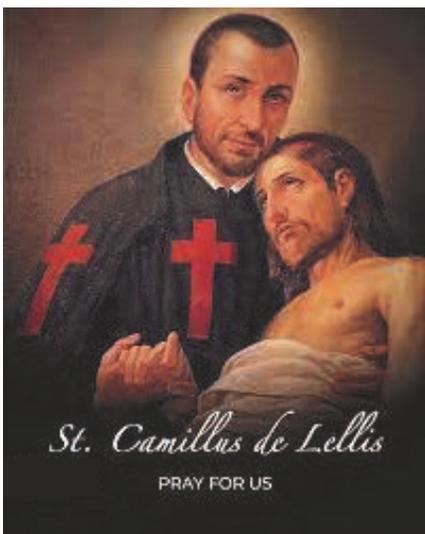
"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.



Saints, Feast, Family

St. Camillus de Lellis was born at Bocchianico, Italy. He fought for the Venetians against the Turks, was addicted to gambling, and by 1574 was penniless in Naples. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be professed because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He received permission from his confessor (St. Philip Neri) to be ordained and decided, with two companions, to found his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians), dedicated to the care of the sick. They ministered to the sick of Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, enlarged their facilities in 1585, founded a new house in Naples in 1588, and attended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome's harbor and in Rome. In 1591, the Congregation was made into an order to serve the sick by Pope Gregory XIV, and in 1591 and 1605, Camillus sent members of his order to minister to wounded troops in Hungary and Croatia, the first field medical unit. Gravely ill for many years, he resigned as superior of the Order in 1607 and died in Rome on July 14, the year after he attended a General Chapter there. He was canonized in 1746, was declared patron of the sick, with St. John of God, by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI. His feast day is July 18th.



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited for prayer and a talk presented by a Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty member on the third Thursday of each month. In-person sessions will resume on July 15th beginning with the rosary at 8:00 a.m. in the seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph. This month's speaker is Dr. Larry Feingold, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology. To receive updates about this and other Fiat Women's Group events, visit kenrick.edu/fiat.

CATHOLIC RADIO

"Summer time, when the livin' is easy. " The schedule may look different, but the goal remains the same. Stay connected to the faith nourishing programming that Covenant Network provides daily and throughout the night by tuning into KHOJ radio 1460 AM . Or listen on the Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website OurCatholicRadio.org.

CAMP CAVALIER 2021

There are still spots left in Bishop DuBourg's athletic summer camps for grades 3-8 in July and early August! Students of all athletic abilities are invited to join us for soccer, football, cheerleading, baseball, and/or our brand-new speed and agility camp! Our top priority is safety, and we will be following the latest health guidelines to ensure a safe experience for everyone. To learn more about each camp and register today, visit www.bishopdubourg.org.



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