

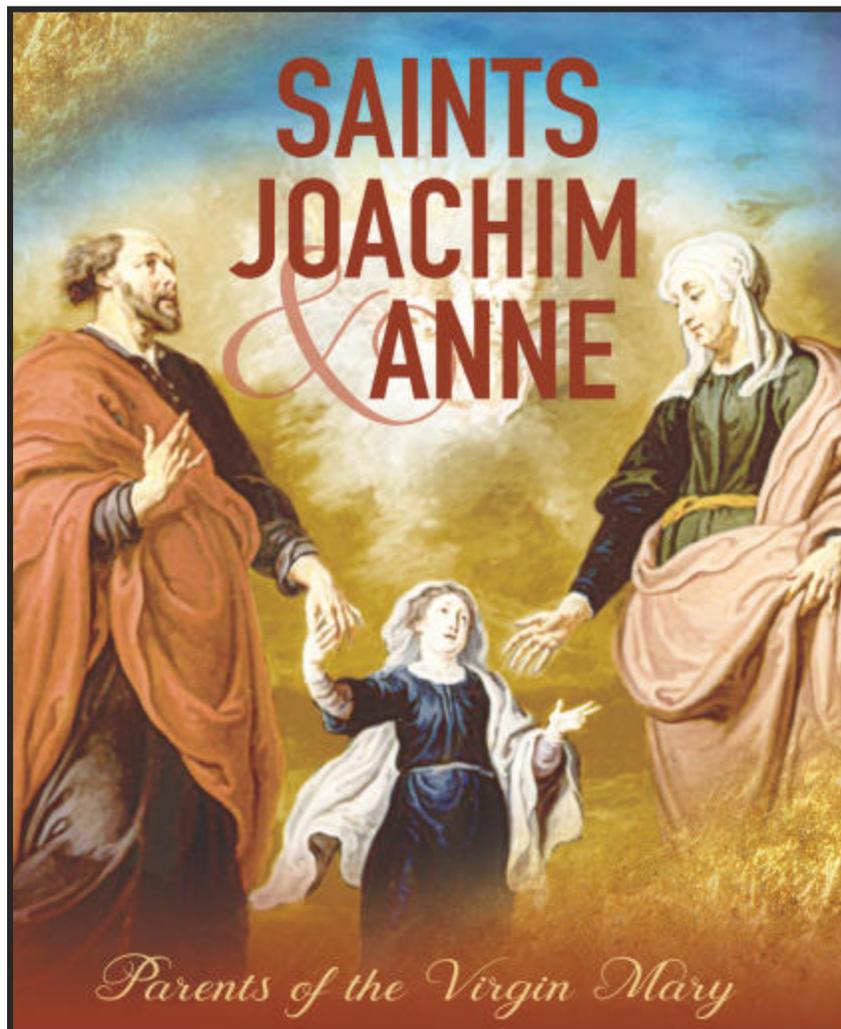


# SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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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## 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.

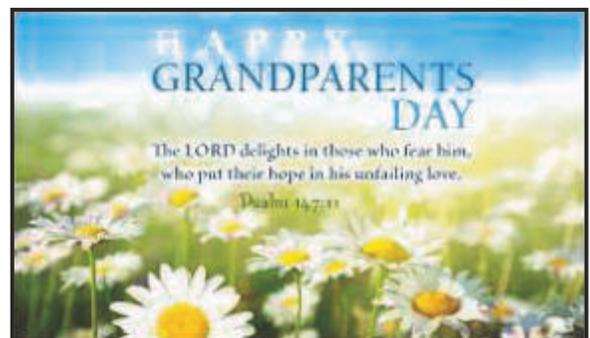


## TOGETHER IN BAPTISM



We welcome to the church the newly baptized **Althea Elizabeth DeBoo** daughter of Elizabeth and Robert DeBoo, **Kian Michael Horner** son of Katherine and Jakob Horner, **Elena Louise Nolle** daughter of

Allyson and Jeremy Nolle and **Truman Atlas Picard** son of Kayla and Christopher Picard. 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.

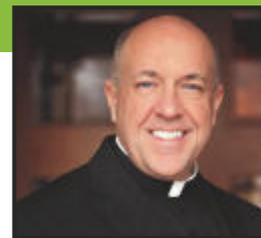


Did you know your grandparents? We all have them, but some of us are luckier than others to have known and loved their grandparents. My dad's father died when he was a teenager, so I never knew him; his wife, my Nana, died when I was two years old, and I don't remember her much at all. My mom's father, Grandpap, died when I was less than a year old, so



My Grandma,  
Dorothy Frischauf

I have no recollection of him. The only grandparent I really remember is my mom's mother, my Grandma. She lived in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, but every summer we would visit her. She was a frequent visitor to St. Louis during Christmas and summertime, and it was always fun when Grandma was around! One summer when I was a boy, I spent several weeks with my Grandma in Johnstown and she taught me to play pinochle and cribbage, we went swimming and shopping, and we went out to eat for almost every meal! Grandma died many years ago, but I have many happy memories of her. As the years have passed, I've seen my own mom become Grandma, and now my own sisters are also Grandmas, too. I know from them what a great joy it is to be a grandparent, and we all know what a great blessing our grandparents are!



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

I'm inviting you to remember and reflect on your grandparents today because this Sunday, July 25, is the first-ever **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** observed by the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has instituted this observance to be held annually on the fourth Sunday in July, a date chosen because it is closest to the July 26 feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. The pope said he decided to launch a World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because *"the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly."* Pope Francis has lamented that *"grandparents are often forgotten,"* and said that after a very difficult year, especially for elderly people, he wanted to offer them a day of encouragement, solidarity, and consolation.

This celebration of Grandparents and the Elderly isn't meant to be a time for big parish events or gatherings; rather, it is hoped that Catholics will mark this day by personal and direct connections with their own grandparents or other older people who may be alone and in need of care. So, today, this weekend, this week: call your Grandma or Grandpa, send a card, schedule some time together, visit a nursing home, help an elderly neighbor with her lawn or his chores, or find some other good work of mercy and charity to assist an older person in need. Above all, thank God for the gift of your grandparents and pray for them.

To all the elderly parishioners and grandparents of St. Margaret of Scotland: thank you for your witness of faith! You are the ones who have helped to build our family of faith by building up your own families. These words from our Holy Father are addressed to you: "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!"

**Lord God Almighty,  
bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.  
May they remain constant in your love  
and be living signs of your presence  
to their children and grandchildren.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 26

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

### Tuesday, July 27

6:30 a.m. Walter & Peggy Kramer +

### Wednesday, July 28

6:30 a.m. Charles Willett +

### Thursday, July 29

6:30 a.m. Curran-Stirnemann Family

### Friday, July 30

6:30 a.m. Patricia Deiters +

### Saturday, August 1

4:30 p.m. Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ +

### Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Meyer Family

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

*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 28

Centering Prayer, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - St. Vincent de Paul Chapel

### Thursday, July 29

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

### Friday, July 30

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

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!



## NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL

### Full Time Preschool Teacher

Enthusiastic early childhood teacher needed for progressive school environment. Seeking candidates who are nurturing, caring and have excellent classroom management skills. Candidates should have a degree in Early Childhood Education or other related degree. Position starts August 2021. Protecting God's Children required. Please email cover letter and resume to Clare Young [cyoung@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:cyoung@stmargaretstl.org) and Chris Burke [cburke@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:cburke@stmargaretstl.org)

### Full Time Art Teacher Position (K-8 grades)

Art teacher needed for full time Art teacher position. Ideal candidates will have a knowledge base in Art and a clear understanding of student expectations at each grade level. Position requires collaboration with a teacher partner in a professional learning environment. Protecting God's Children required. Please email cover letter and resume to Clare Young and Christine Burke at [cyoung@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:cyoung@stmargaretstl.org) and [cburke@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:cburke@stmargaretstl.org)



If your ministry or organization is beginning to regroup after a hiatus and would like to schedule meeting space or send bulletin article to inform the parish of your upcoming activities, please contact Carmela Garza at [cgarza@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:cgarza@stmargaretstl.org) or 314-776-0363. Bulletin articles are due on Mondays by 2:00 p.m. Meeting spaces are being scheduled in Church Hall and Canmore Hall by first come first serve.

## 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](mailto:cgarza@stmargaretstl.org).

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



BY PETER FISHER HELED

Today's Gospel tells a dramatic narrative, a remarkable story on its face. It also seems that beneath the surface there are many rich and deeply meaningful avenues to explore. The spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola invite us to encounter scripture with our imaginations, entering the scene and imaging the details. By this practice we can sometimes experience a new understanding of a familiar old story, a different aspect of our selves, a unique encounter with Jesus.

Jesus and his disciples have sought some downtime – a little rest and refreshment from the press of the crowds. They have crossed the lake and hiked to higher ground. But the large crowd has followed (some 5000 men, plus women and children!). Listen. Can you hear them from far off? Is it a sound of excitement? Or a more somber, solemn sound?

When Jesus asked his friend Philip where they could buy food to feed this hungry throng, Philip is shocked. It would require more than 200 days' wages to supply all with just a snack! Another disciple, Andrew, mentions a boy in the crowd who has a few barley loaves and fishes, but he dismisses these slim rations as useless in the circumstance.

Can you find yourself in this scenario?

**Are you in the crowd?** Why are you here? What is the nature of your hunger?

**Or do you relate more to the disciples?** Does Jesus sometimes ask the impossible? How do you handle that?

**Or might you relate more to the boy with the loaves?** How naively sweet he is! You can have my lunch if it helps. What do you have in paltry supply that Jesus might make use of?

**The meal.** How did it feel to be invited to recline in this strange place to take nourishment? Could you see Jesus, and hear him when he took the loaves and gave thanks? Did his blessing connect you to family or friends? Holy days, or wedding feasts? Does it connect you to the earth and the sea? To soil, sun, rain, and human labor? To those with whom you have supped who have gone before you?

Were you afraid to take too much? Or did you eat freely, taking as much you wanted? Did you contribute leftover fragments to the baskets of bread they collected? Did you marvel that so little bread might feed so many and yield great quantities for later? Did it seem impossible? Or oddly appropriate that this reverent act of sharing might transcend our usual experience of emptiness? Can you trust that this holy satisfaction will be available to you again? Whenever and wherever you might need it?

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Each year the Archdiocese challenges our youth to write an essay about how they can support a life issue. This year's essay topic was "How can you take an active role and work with your community to tackle a life issue or problem?". The Respect Life Committee read all thirty-six essays from the eighth graders and selected Grace's essay as the winner for this past school year.

*"Life is a gift that we are given and we should make an effort to protect that. We should make sure that as a community we are looking out for those who need it, the ones who are at risk or who can't protect themselves." - Grace*

You can read Grace's full essay on the **St. Margaret of Scotland Respect Life Committee Facebook** page. **Like** our page to stay updated on upcoming events and meetings.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

### GOING UP



Sounds like you're stepping into an elevator but what you're really entering is an opportunity to help **CREATE CHANGE!** Were you aware that the St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Margaret of Scotland was organized in 1910 and was aggregated in 1921? That's over 100 years of service to our Neighbors in the St. Louis Community. And sometimes it feels like we're the same Vincentians that organized this Conference over a 100 years ago. Our core committee of Vincentians have felt for a long time that we needed "new blood" to keep the heart of our Conference pumping new life into this ministry.

Yes, we're always looking for new members; that goes without saying. But what we're really seeking are new ideas, new thoughts from outside the box and new dreams for this Conference. We're not asking for a commitment of your time for months or years to come but a few gatherings where we share ideas on what you would like to see your Conference to look like in the future. So, we don't want you to validate our work and our ideas. We want to validate yours and, together, bring life to this wonderful ministry we call St. Vincent de Paul.

**INTERESTED?** Want to be on the ground floor? Feel like sharing some thoughts? Want to see where the Conference is going and take pride in the fact that part of that future is the result of your ideas and suggestions? Jim Relleke, President of St. Margaret of Scotland Conference, is looking for YOU! Come explore what can happen when new blood is infused in setting direction for a tired organization. Call (314-504-5265) or email ([rellekejames@yahoo.com](mailto:rellekejames@yahoo.com)) **within the next week** and let's get together to share your thoughts and ideas. **We're ready! Are you?**



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## 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

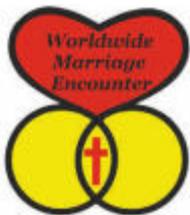
**First Reconciliation & First Communion** is usually done as part of the 2nd grade curriculum. We also have preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for students grades 3-8 **Students must be in the PSR program for two years in order to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion.** 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](mailto:stl.scdpsr@gmail.com) or 314-773-3070.

## WE ARE ALREADY PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR!

We have lots of children in the parish who will complete Sacraments in the coming year. We want to pay special attention to the preparation for our children who do not attend St. Margaret of Scotland School or who are not yet baptized or were not baptized in a Catholic church. If any of these situations apply to your child and they would like to make a Sacrament in the coming 2021-2022 school year, please contact Ruth Pera ([ffc@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:ffc@stmargaretstl.org)) to discuss your child's readiness and preparation for their Sacraments.

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



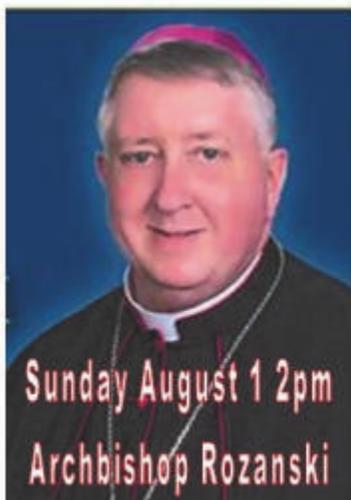
A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** is like the end of a summer holiday – it's full of freshness, new beginnings, hope, and the start of another season. We are excited to announce that our next **IN-PERSON** Encounter in the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area will be held the weekend of September 24-26, 2021, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters, Missouri. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

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## ZECHARIAH MEN'S PRAYER MORNING OR PRAYER BREAKFAST

is about sharing the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer. Recordings of prior Zechariah events are now routinely available with other great Catholic Renewal Center events on YouTube at <http://stirenewal.org/yt> and on Facebook at <http://stirenewal.org/fb>. But our **NEW Encore Zoom Zechariah** is more than a recording of a prior event. It features enhanced online participation in faith-sharing, second only to live attendance. Your gifts and opinions are sought out and the interactive experience of Catholic community is made deeper. Register for free at [gary.whitlock@att.net](mailto:gary.whitlock@att.net) or 636-215-0973, or the online form at [stirenewal.org/zpb](http://stirenewal.org/zpb) to receive a Zoom invitation to the August 1, 2pm **Archbishop Rozanski** Encore Zoom Zechariah or the August 8, 2pm **Dr. Ed Hogan** Encore Zoom Zechariah.

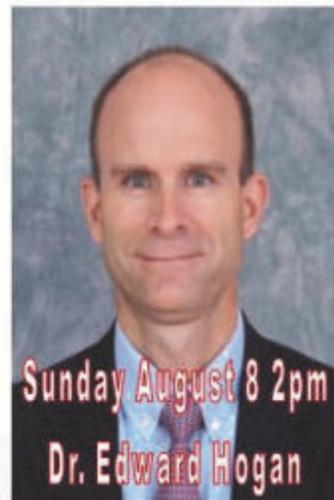


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