



# SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

AUGUST 8, 2021

NINETEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## STRENGTH

"This is the bread  
that comes down from  
heaven so that one may  
eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50



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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## TOGETHER IN BAPTISM

We welcome to the church the newly baptized **Anne Eleanor Arvin** daughter of Lindsay & William Arvin, **Charles Sharpley Arvin** son of Lindsay & William Arvin, **Abigail Kate Farrell** daughter of Allison and William Farrell and **Henry Frederick Parker** son of Elizabeth & Kyle Parker. 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.

## ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES

### July 2021

Total General Fund Contributions:	\$44,702.00
General Fund Budget Goal:	\$49,142.00
Amount Over/(Under) Budget:	\$(4,440.00)
Number of Sundays:	4

**FY22 Budget amount :** \$638,852.00

## 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:

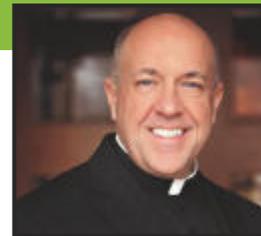
- ✦ Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic community,
- ✦ Educating children and adults to live a full Christian life in today's world,
- ✦ Serving others with unconditional generosity, and
- ✦ Living just lives and working for a more just

## 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.



## A NEW WEEK



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

This column in the bulletin is titled “A NEW WEEK”, but I’ve not yet shared why those words will be at the top of this space every week. Many pastors write a bulletin column, and many use clever titles; I know that Fr. O’Toole actually had two titles for his bulletin reflections! If you read the Archdiocesan newspaper, the St. Louis Review, you know that the Archbishops of St. Louis have written a weekly column; Archbishop Rozanski’s column is titled “Serve the Lord with Gladness”. Years ago, the late Archbishop John L. May titled his column in the St. Louis Review “A New Week”. I always thought that this was odd since the Review was published on Friday, and Friday certainly wasn’t the start of a new week; Sunday was! So I decided over 30 years ago that if I ever wrote a Sunday bulletin column, I would title it “A New Week”, not only in honor of Archbishop May, but also to highlight and celebrate that Sunday is the start of a new week! Indeed, if you are reading this column, you are most likely reading it on Sunday! Sunday is the premier day for the Church! It is the first day of the week. It is the day of Jesus’ Resurrection. It is the day that the Holy Spirit came to the apostles. It is the day that Christians have always kept in honor of the Lord Jesus. It is the day that we gather to be nourished by the Word of God and the Bread of Life. Sunday is a reminder to us that God always gives us a new week, a new chance, a new start, a new gift! So let us rejoice this and every Sunday, the start of A New Week!

We have also started a new month. Each month, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, offers an intention for the Church to pray for. Pope Francis’ intention for the month of August is for the Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. The Holy Father’s monthly intentions will be noted in the bulletin, and I invite and encourage you to make this part of your own personal prayer each month.

This month of August sees people having their final summer vacation days and families preparing for the new school year. St. Margaret of Scotland School begins on Monday, August 16, and I am excited to see our parish and school have the renewed life and energy that comes from a new school year! The school has been cleaned and prepared, teachers and staff will soon be returning for meetings and planning, and we will once again have strong protocols in place to protect our students, faculty, and staff from COVID-19.

While we are excited to welcome our students and faculty back to school, I am sorry to share that our school principal, Mrs. Clare Young, has made the decision to leave St. Margaret of Scotland School to better care for herself and her family. I had met Clare just a few times, but I support her dedication to her vocation of marriage and family life. While I am disappointed to see her leave St. Margaret, I am grateful for all she has done for St. Margaret School over these last two years. I have asked Ms. Christine Burke, our current assistant principal, to serve as interim principal, and I am grateful for her willingness to step up for this school year, and I have every confidence in her leadership and ability.

Later this year, we will conduct a search for a new principal. As you may imagine, it is difficult to find a new principal once the school year has begun, so we will wait to find the right person to join us as our next principal. Please keep Ms. Burke and all our school community in your prayers as we prepare for a new school year. St. Margaret of Scotland, pray for us!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 9

6:30 a.m. Curran-Stirnemann Family

### Tuesday, August 10

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

### Wednesday, August 11

6:30 a.m. Ray & Marie Austermann+

### Thursday, August 12

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

### Friday, August 13

6:30 a.m. John & Catherine Austermann +

### Saturday, August 14

4:30 p.m. John D. Fritz, Sr. +

### Sunday, August 15

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Buttice Family

*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, August 11

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

### Thursday, August 12

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

### Friday, August 13

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

### Sunday, August 15

Pray the Rosary, 7:30 a.m. - Church

## 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)

## PARISH GUIDE BOOK

The 2021-2022 Parish Guide Book, listing parishioners and organizations and ministries, is being prepared for preparation. If you are the head of an organization or ministry, or if you have a change of address or family information, please contact Carmela Garza at the Rectory (314-776-0363) to update your information.



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.



## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



BY PETER FISHER HESED

Food is one of the chief interests and preoccupations of humanity. Whether we hunt and gather, tend a garden, recreate in a kitchen what we saw on the Cooking Channel, or just bring home pizza, we humans can be consumed by the question of “what will we... consume?”

Human work is strongly connected to food. Our language retains this link in such expressions as “bread-winning,” or “bringing home the bacon.”

Food also expresses our individual preferences and personalities, as well as connecting us to a friend, a community, a culture. We turn to food for comfort and for adventure. It is involved in making us healthy – or unhealthy. Our relationship with food reveals our attitudes toward the earth and nature, as well as to our society and our own bodies.

But this is only part of who we are; it is not enough. St. Paul (Ephesians 4) reminds us: “All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice.” In faith we gather for another meal – one that connects us to our true and eternal destiny. This gathering is an act of faith. We hope to nourish an ever-better version of ourselves, and to feed that hope with the imperishable food that is Jesus Christ. We generate communion with our companions – those with whom we share this bread.

Throughout these weeks the church reads from Chapter 6 of the Gospel according to John the amazing teaching of the Lord known as the Bread of Life discourse. This central element in our faith – the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist – was a scandal for Jesus’ hearers, and has continued to the present moment to be a challenge for some, an obstacle for others.

The late Jesuit teacher and writer, John Kavanaugh, preached as a monthly guest at our parish liturgies for many years. Father Kavanaugh wrote about the Bread of Life:

*Our contemporary struggle with belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is a quarrel over transcendence. Only the here is real. Only the now is actual. Only the observable is knowable. Only perishables can sustain us. The immediate feeling. The experience at hand. The pain pressing. The pleasure welcome.*

*Our problem is not just believing that God could inhabit bread. It is believing that God could inhabit us.*

Can we believe that nothing is impossible for God? Can we believe that we are loved, and gifted with God’s own spirit? Can we find a promise fulfilled in our sharing the Bread of Life?

### BEWARE OF FAKE EMAILS!

Someone, somewhere, has already hacked our new Pastor’s parish email account, and this week, several parishioners received emails from a phony Fr. John account, asking for help and assistance. Please know that Fr. John (or anyone from St. Margaret of Scotland staff) will NEVER contact you by email to ask for a favor, or for money, or for gift cards, or for any private information. Please do not reply to any suspicious emails, do not click on any links, and delete them immediately. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience. This is a reminder to use email with caution, and to change your passwords often!

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

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.



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## CHOIR & MUSICAL YOUTH GROUP

If you are a youth and interested in joining the St. Margaret of Scotland Choir & Musical Youth Group ministry or would like more information about this group, please contact Elise Ibendahl at [elisemarie75@gmail.com](mailto:elisemarie75@gmail.com).



## 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).

## RESPECT LIFE INFORMATION

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

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Are you planning your weekly menus? Chances are some of your pantry supplies like brownie/cake mixes and fruit snacks have the Box Tops for education coupon on their packaging. Don't forget to check your Hefty, Ziplock and Kleenex brand items as well. Each coupon you clip and submit to our school is worth 10 cents for our educational programs. Just gather them up and put them in the Sunday collection at Mass or drop them off at the Rectory. To learn more about Box Tops or for more information go to [www.BoxTops4Education.com](http://www.BoxTops4Education.com)



## Saints, Feast, Family

Saint Dominic was born in Caleruega, Spain in 1170. His parents were members of the Spanish nobility and related to the ruling family. His father was Felix Guzman, and was the royal warden of the village. His mother, Bl. Joan of Aza, was a holy woman in her own right.

According to one legend, his mother made a pilgrimage to an abbey at Silos. Legend says there were many signs of the great child she would bear. One of the most common legends says that during the pilgrimage, Joan had a dream of a dog leaping from her womb with a torch in its mouth. The animal "seemed to set the earth on fire." His parents named him Dominic a play on the words Domini canis, meaning the Lord's dog in Latin. An alternative, and possibly more likely story says he was named after St. Dominic de Silos, a Spanish monk who lived a century before.

It is known that Dominic was educated in Palencia, and he concentrated on theology and the arts. He spent six years studying theology and four the arts. He was widely acclaimed as an exemplary student by his professors. In 1191, a famine left many people desolate and homeless across Spain. Dominic sold everything he had, including his furniture and clothes and bought food for the poor. When he sold his manuscripts, required for study, he replied, "Would you have me study from these dead skins when people are dying of hunger?"



## Children's Corner

### PUZZLE

Find and circle eight things that are different.



### MISSION

The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.

## GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

### COLOR

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