



# SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

AUGUST 15, 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



## 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

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

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## MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

### 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

## 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 about volunteering for this peaceful ministry contact the Parish Office 314-776-0363.

## SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

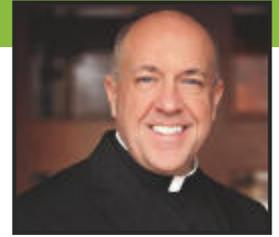
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School is a diverse, urban, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community. We promise a challenging learning environment for children, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, in which they realize their academic potential and giftedness in body, mind and spirit. Our students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





“Assumption”  
By Tim Langenderfer,  
2017

For the past few summer Sundays, the Gospel readings have been from the “Bread of Life Discourse” in the Gospel of St. John. That narrative is interrupted today as we celebrate the great feast of the Assumption of Mary. The dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was proclaimed in 1950, but this observance has celebrated on this day since the middle of the fifth century. This feast professes our Catholic belief that Mary has gone before us, body and soul, into heaven. For her, the resurrection of the dead has already taken place, so the Assumption is technically an “Easter feast.” How wonderful, then, that this year we celebrate this feast on a Sunday, the day of the Lord’s resurrection! Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said in a homily on this day in 2008, “The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest Marian feast, returns every year in the heart of summer. It is an opportunity to rise with Mary to the heights of the spirit where one breathes the pure air of supernatural life and contemplates the most authentic beauty, the beauty of holiness. The atmosphere of today’s celebration is steeped in paschal joy.”



BY FR. JOHN VIEN  
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Have you heard of Assumption lilies? There are several white daylilies that bloom near this date, including Hemerocallis “Serene Madonna” Lily. Whenever I see lilies blooming in people’s gardens at this time of year, I always think of Mary and her Assumption! This holy feast day has long been associated with celebrating the summer’s harvest, and there is a wonderful tradition of bringing baskets of garden herbs and fruits to friends on this day, imitating Mother Mary by bringing comfort to others. In these beautiful days of summer, may we appreciate the beauty of nature, the lovely plants and flowers, and the fruits and vegetables of our gardens, all of which are God’s gifts to us!



This Assumption Sunday, we welcome Fr. James Martin Nobles, OP, back to St. Margaret of Scotland as he presides at our 10:00am Sunday Mass. Fr. Nobles has been part of our community for several years, and served as a transitional deacon this past year. Fr. Nobles was ordained a priest in June and is now serving as the Parochial Vicar at St. Peter Parish in Memphis. Welcome back, Fr. Nobles, and thank you for your ministry here. The parish family of St. Margaret will continue to pray for you and wishes you well in your priestly ministry!

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School begins its 105th school year this Monday, August 16! Welcome back to all our teachers and staff and to our families and students! I am looking forward to getting to know our school community, and I ask you to join me in praying that this school year will be filled with grace and growth, learning and knowledge. Our students will be back in classroom full-time, and our protocols to protect against COVID, including wearing face masks, remain in place. Last year, Catholic schools led the way to show that students could be in school and learn, even during a global pandemic, and this year we will continue to provide an excellent quality Catholic education in a safe and secure space. As the pandemic continues, the best thing we can do for our children and all those who are most vulnerable is to wear face masks and be vaccinated, so please do your part to keep our community safe. Thanks be to God that our middle schoolers can already be vaccinated, and we pray that God will hasten the day that our children can be protected by the vaccine, as well.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 16

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

### Tuesday, August 17

6:30 a.m. Celia Schoeberle +

### Wednesday, August 18

6:30 a.m. Joe Severtsen +

### Thursday, August 19

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

### Friday, August 20

6:30 a.m. Charles Willett +

### Saturday, August 21

4:30 p.m. George Thornburgh +

### Sunday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Damien McManemin

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, August 18

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

### Thursday, August 19

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

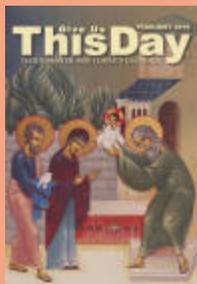
### Sunday, August 22

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

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## NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL

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

St. Margaret of Scotland is in need of a full time Spanish teacher position. Ideal candidates will have a knowledge base in Spanish 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 Christine [cburke@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:cburke@stmargaretstl.org)

### RCIA GROUP TO FORM IN SEPTEMBER

What does RCIA stand for? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. That is the process by which an adult prepares for the sacraments of initiation, and life as a member of the Catholic community.

Who might be interested in the RCIA? The unbaptized, of course. Or a baptized Christian who is drawn to the Catholic Church. Someone baptized - even as a Catholic - who grew up without the Eucharist or Confirmation. Or, even, a fully-initiated Catholic who would like to move through this basic formation experience to renew or one's basic faith identity.

If you'd like more information, contact Peter Hased (314-349-7037, [pasesed@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:pasesed@stmargaretstl.org)) or Ruth Pera ([ffc@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:ffc@stmargaretstl.org))

## On the Horizon

### MUSICAL GUESTS AT ST. MARGARET

The music group AZA brings its unique music to St. Louis in a couple of weeks. Experience traditional Tamazight (or Berber) music, indigenous to the Atlas mountains of Morocco, and learn a bit about Amizaigh culture at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Friday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. Masks required. Free will offering.

## GROWING IN FAITH

Today we celebrate, with great joy, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Which means it's also a great time for a Catholic vocabulary check!

We use the word **solemnity** to describe this feast because it is a feast of great importance in our faith. By using the word solemnity, the Church is telling each of us that this feast ranks "above" the others we might choose to celebrate on this Sunday. On a technical level, this tells the priests and other liturgical ministers which readings and prayers they should use in Masses on this day. For the rest of us, it reminds us where to put our focus as we pray today.



BY RUTH PERA  
COORDINATOR OF  
FAITH FORMATION



The **Assumption** we celebrate today refers to Mary being taken, body and soul, into Heaven at the end of her life on Earth. It comes from the Latin verb *assumere*, which means "to take to oneself." What might be helpful for us to note is that the action here is being done by God, to Mary. God brings Mary to Himself - Mary does not have the power to do this.

Many of us confuse this feast with the **Ascension**. The Ascension of Christ is celebrated in the spring, 40 days after Easter. As compared with the verb *assumere*, the Latin root for the Ascension, *ascendere*, is very active: to ascend, go up. Christ, as God, ascends to Heaven under His own power.

But obviously, the real question is: *so what?*

Our faith is so rich, and so deep; it is almost impossible to learn all we can about a miracle as great as our Mother's Assumption at one time. A practice I have come to love is looking at aspects of our faith through different lenses - examining and praying about something in different ways over the course of my life, connecting it with things I have learned in the past, seeing broader, deeper, fuller views of who God is over time.

To that end, our parishioner Scott Wilson wrote to me recently with some of his thoughts about the Assumption, viewing this mystery and the gift of Mary as model through a distinctly life-affirming lens which I wanted to share with you:

*The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974). Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, In Luc., 10, 121: PL 15 1834A.).*

*We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. In what ways are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support expectant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love and care for loved ones who are ill or aging?*

Today we see Christ's desire to draw those who love Him ever closer to Himself. So we pray that we, with our Mother Mary, might be there with him at the end of time.

## RESPECT LIFE INFORMATION



“In times of suffering, the human person should be able to experience a solidarity and a love that takes on the suffering, offering a sense of life that extends beyond death... In the family a person can count on strong relationships, valued in themselves apart from their helpfulness or the joy they bring. It is essential that the sick under care do not feel themselves to be a burden, but can sense the intimacy and support of their loved ones” (SB 4-5).

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” Luke 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other’s needs before our wants.



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM NEWS

Are you thinking about volunteering in the 2021-2022 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).



## PTA NEWS



Dragon’s Blend Coffee-SMOS’s favorite morning roast is back in stock! Support the PTA’s Teacher Grants fund with your purchase of locally roasted coffee! \$12 per bag in your choice of Whole Bean or Ground. Fans of Keurig and pod brewers will love our reusable, BPA-free stainless mesh filters, \$5 each. Place your order on WeShare <https://stmargaretstl.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/PTACoffee> or contact Julie Mudd at 314-960-1864 or [juliemudd2001@yahoo.com](mailto:juliemudd2001@yahoo.com)

## 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!

# 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. The next session will take place on August 19th, beginning with the rosary at 8:00 a.m. and followed by a talk presented by Fr. James Mason, President-Rector. To receive updates about this and other Fiat Women's Group events, visit [kenrick.edu/fiat](http://kenrick.edu/fiat). Sessions are now in person at the Seminary, 5200 Glennon Drive, 63119.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**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.

## KATY TRAIL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

**Craving spiritual growth? Asking God to lead you down the right path? or perhaps you're... Pining for fellowship? Longing for more prayer time?** If you answered yes to any or all of these questions (or if we just grabbed your attention), try being led to Him through Her! Please consider joining us for a Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage informational meeting: Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at Blumenhoff Winery 13699 South Highway 94 Dutzow, MO 63342

## ENOUGH

**Enough** is a regional ministry for women to rejuvenate their souls with worship, meditation, reflection, and community. Join us for our monthly night of worship on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (**August 17**) at **St. Justin Martyr Parish** (11910 Eddie and Park St. Louis, MO 63126) from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This month we will continue our journey through **The Year of St. Joseph** with "Terror of Demons" Our featured speaker this month is Paul Masek.



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