



# SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

AUGUST 22, 2021

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## School Days at St. Margaret of Scotland

On Monday, August 16 parents and pets accompany children to school on their first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

## 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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## 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

## 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.

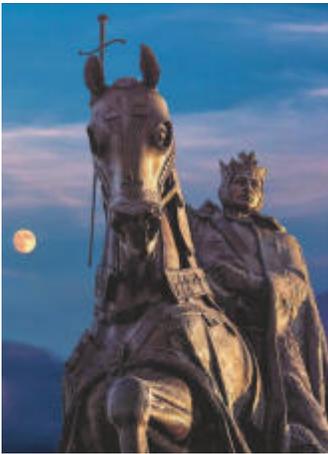


## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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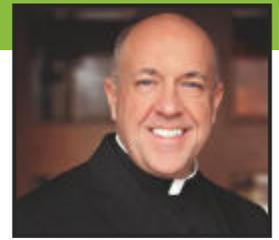
Anna Knaup and Matthew Quinn

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Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the faithful all over the world will celebrate the Feast of Saint Louis, King of France, this coming Wednesday, August 25. As the patron of our Archdiocese and our City, those of us who are Catholics in St. Louis should have a special devotion to this holy man of God. I

often invoke his prayers and intercession for our community, and I encourage all of you to do the same. Let us all ask Saint Louis to bless and guide and protect and heal this city and community that bears his name!



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

So who was Saint Louis? He ruled France in the 13th century during a time of great cultural achievement. It was a time when cathedrals were being built, universities established, hospitals organized, and an equitable court system established.

His deep Catholic faith and spirituality was instilled in him by his mother, Blessed Blanche of Castille, and he lived his life as man of constant prayer, devoted to justice and to charity. He was dedicated to his family and his country, but most of all to his Catholic faith.

Louis became king at the age of eleven in 1226. He was guided and protected by his mother until he reached his teenage years. At the age of 20, he married his wife Margaret and together they had eleven children.

Saint Louis cared about his people and sought to mitigate the harsh life of the feudal system. He encouraged religious orders and the growth of the Church in France, he forbade usury or excessive interest on loans, he personally fed the needy from his own table, and he made it a priority to see that the poor received fair treatment and fair trial. He built the magnificent Sainte Chappelle in Paris as a shrine for the Crown of Thorns, which he had received and is often portrayed as holding in his hands. He led crusades to the Holy Land that were not militarily successful, but while on crusade he always insisted that any prisoners be treated with respect. Louis himself was taken prisoner while on crusade, and after his release, he died of typhoid fever at age 56. King Lear is described in the play of the same name as “every inch a king.” We could say of Louis IX of France that he was “every inch a saint,” for he was a Christian king in name and in spirit.

The life of Saint Louis reminds us that power does not have to corrupt. Power can be used to create some measure of justice, lighten the burden of people’s lives, exemplify virtue, and strengthen the community and the Church. How we need the example and intercession of Saint Louis even now for the leaders of our Church, our nation, and our city and community! Let us pray for all those in positions of leadership and power in our Church and society, that they may always work for the common good and serve those most in need.

Louis also reminds us of the need to work for justice, a timely reminder for all of us at this difficult time in the history of our nation and our community, burdened by so much inequity, strife, and senseless violence.

So as we prepare for his feast this week, let us pray for our City and our Archdiocese, and let us pray that all those in authority at any level, and all of us who are called Christians, may be instruments of God’s justice and peace. Saint Louis, King of France, pray for us!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 23

6:30 a.m. Vickie Minden

### Tuesday, August 24

6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Stanley

### Wednesday, August 25

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

### Thursday, August 26

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

### Friday, August 27

6:30 a.m. Brian Burrus

### Saturday, August 28

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Earl Brake +

10:00 a.m. Bob Neale "Healing"

*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 25

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

### Thursday, August 26

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

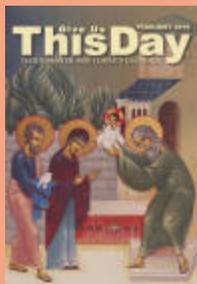
### Sunday, August 29

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

## Give Us This Day A retreat in daily life

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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 Heses (314-349-7037, [phesed@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:phesed@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.

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



BY PETER FISHER HESED

Today is the fifth consecutive Sunday Gospel from the 6th Chapter of John, featuring what is known as the “Bread of Life Discourse.” [Last Sunday, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary took precedence over the liturgy of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.]

Recall the majestic narrative that stretches from the feeding of the 5000 to bold pronouncements from Jesus, comparing his role with that of Moses, identifying himself as the Messiah, and as the bread that has come down from heaven. His hearers find this image difficult to accept, and question the Lord. He speaks even more frankly:

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

This is too much for many to take. “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” And John tells us, “as a result of this, many disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.”

These lines struck me as worth reflection. Who among us doesn’t come face to face with hard things?

Some, more than others, of course. There are people against whom the odds are cruelly stacked. Some are faced with tragedy, catastrophic loss. For some it is hard to get out of bed in the morning. Or to find a place to lie down at night. Hope can be hard, trust a risk, love elusive.

Others have lives of relative comfort, security, privilege, advantage. But for these, too, there are ways that life is hard. Recall what the Lord said about the camel and the eye of the needle (see Mk 10:25).

Hard things. When Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” The Gospel doesn’t tell us that the Twelve found it easy to accept Jesus as the Bread of Life, appealing to consider consuming the flesh and blood of their friend and teacher. It is, indeed, a hard saying.

Can you remember seeing the film clip of President John F. Kennedy in 1962 giving his iconic “Why we choose to go to the Moon” speech? He famously said:

We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard...

And hasn’t everyone heard some coach or teacher admonish, “No pain, no gain.” While hard doesn’t necessarily equate with virtuous, the full human experience includes enjoying things that easy and, absolutely, wrestling with things that are hard. And sometimes just doing it can be good for us and those around us. What is hard for you? Apologizing? Forgiving someone? Telling the truth? Going to therapy or confession or spiritual direction? Having a difficult conversation with someone? Running a marathon? Eating and drinking prudently? Less time on social media?

The real presence of Jesus in our assembly, in the Word proclaimed, and certainly in the Bread of Life - our Eucharist - this belief is a hard thing. Maybe it is hard to believe that God desires to be with us. Maybe it is hard to go beyond the motions and open our minds and hearts to the sacred mystery. Maybe it is hard to acknowledge our need for God. Or to accept the responsibility of becoming what we receive, the hands and feet of Christ. But, to whom else would we go? Who else has the words of eternal life?

## REVIVING OUR MINISTRIES – WE NEED YOU!

After an extended period of pandemic-related limitations, and now, with the leadership of our new pastor, the time has come to take up the challenge of revitalizing our Liturgical Ministries.

Many thanks to those who were committed to carrying through the difficult times of limited capacity and social distancing. And, while we aren't out of the woods yet, we certainly are in a different place than we were. A vast predominance of our ministry volunteers are fully vaccinated (Good News!); we are also faced with rising Covid numbers from the Delta variant (Bad News!). Even if we cannot yet return everything to full normalcy yet, we must be planning and preparing for that goal.

Lectors, Music Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters and Ushers – all these are in need of new members, leadership, scheduling and training. Other roles, not necessary requiring personnel at every Sunday liturgy, include Children's Liturgy of the Word, Art and Environment, Sacristans, Hospitality. RCIA can use additional volunteers.

The glue that holds these numerous volunteer roles together is the Worship Committee. This group requires a monthly meeting of leaders from the various ministries, some additional members-at-large who meet together with the pastor and associate. Some new membership is needed, but the involvement of experienced members will also be helpful.

A brain-storming, initial meeting of the New Worship Committee will take place at 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the month Tuesday, August 31. If you are willing to help, please email Peter Hesel at [phesed@stmargaretstl.org](mailto:phesed@stmargaretstl.org) or phone or text him at 314-349-7037.

The meeting will be in the Canmore Room (Rectory basement) unless the number is large, in which case it will be moved to the Church Hall.

## BOY & CUB SCOUT NEWS

Come learn more about Scouting for Boys! Scouts BSA back to school event on Thursday, August 26 at Tower Grove Park – Gurney Picnic Site (SW corner of the park) 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Cub Scout Pack (grades K-5) and Boy Scouts Troop (grades 6-12). There will be a Hotdog Cookout and a Soda Bottle Rocket



Launch activity! Current scouts and those interested are welcome to come to this free event. For more information or have questions please contact:

Jeff Mudd [jeffreygmudd@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreygmudd@gmail.com) or  
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## RESPECT LIFE INFORMATION

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Build a Culture of Life”

<https://www.respectlife.org/culture-of-life>

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.

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Fall Quilt Bingo

St. John The Baptist Gymnasium

4200 Delor St 63116

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Doors Open at 11:00 AM

Bingo Starts at 1:00 PM

Food and Refreshments available

20 Games of Bingo with Quilt Prize

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Handicap entrance off Delor Street

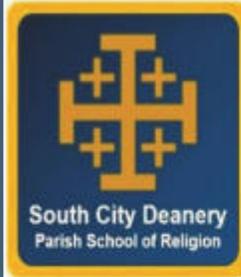
Questions: Contact Mary @ (314) 930-9270

## 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



## Clean out your closets for South City Deanery PSR!

We exist to provide a religious education to the children of South Saint Louis.

Please help us by donating your old clothes. Ask family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, anyone!

We will be collecting donations every Monday at the PSR beginning Monday 9/13/2021!

## We Are Collecting

### Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

### Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

### FUNDrive Coordinator

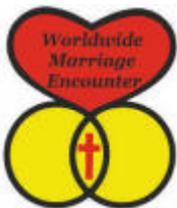
Tim Forsythe  
(314) 520-8792  
tforsythe2003@yahoo.com

### Our Goal: \$2500

695 Tall Kitchen Bags + Large Yard Bags

### Fundraiser Dates:

09/13/2021 - 10/19/2021



## 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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