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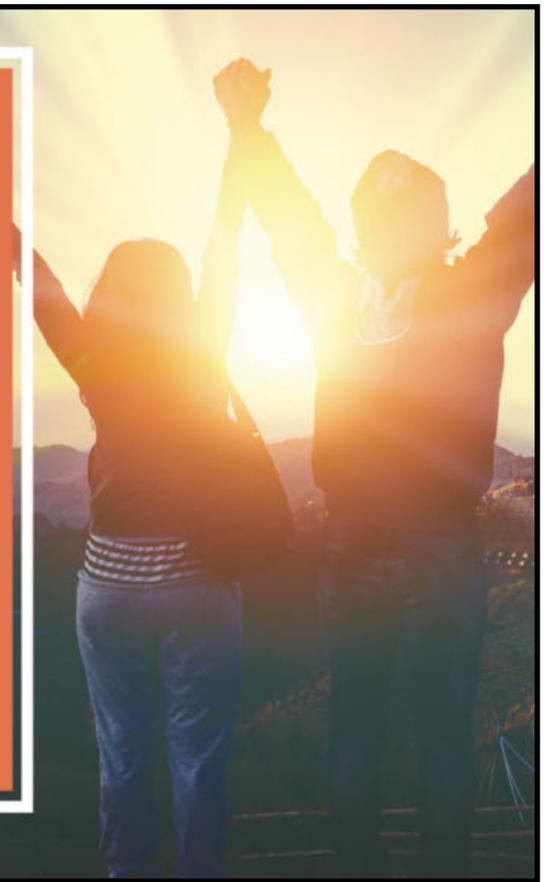
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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KING

So Pilate said to him,
"Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You
say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a



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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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

There is a promise of marriage between:

Ashlyn Frazier and Michael McGowan

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MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

October 2021

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| Total General Fund Contributions: | \$42,400.00 |
| General Fund Budget Goal: | \$61,430.00 |
| Amount Over/(Under) Budget: | \$(19,030.00) |
| Number of Sundays: | 5 |

FY22 YTD (July '21 - October '21)

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Total General Fund Contributions: | \$189,615.71 |
| General Fund Budget Goal: | \$221,142.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) Budget: | \$(31,526.29) |

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



A NEW WEEK



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

Happy Thanksgiving! I wish you all a wonderful day and a wonderful dinner with your family and friends! I hope that many of you will come to our 9:00am Mass this Thursday so that our parish family can thank God for the many blessings that are ours. At Thanksgiving dinner, some families go around the table and everyone says what they are grateful for. Instead of that, here's the things I'm grateful for this Thanksgiving, one for each day of November:

- ◆ I'm grateful that God thought of me, loved me, and gave me life.
- ◆ I'm grateful for the life and love and example of Jesus, to whom I've dedicated my whole and entire life.
- ◆ I'm grateful that God the Holy Spirit is still present and active in the world.
- ◆ I'm grateful for the care and love and protection of our Blessed Mother Mary, especially as Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- ◆ I'm grateful for my Baptism, which gave me the promise of eternal life.
- ◆ I'm grateful to be a Priest of Jesus Christ, and for the great privilege of presiding at Eucharist and being a minister of God's mercy in Reconciliation.
- ◆ I'm grateful to be the Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland, a vibrant community of faith.
- ◆ I'm grateful for our Parish Staff who do so much for us all.
- ◆ I'm grateful for the many parishioners who have been so kind, welcoming, and helpful to me in my first months here.
- ◆ I'm grateful for all that this community does to advocate for justice, to assist the poor, and others in need.
- ◆ I'm grateful for my Dad, who was a fine Catholic gentleman, a loving husband, and a devoted father.
- ◆ I'm grateful for my Mom, who is a faith-filled and fun-loving, caring and compassionate mother and friend.
- ◆ I'm grateful to have grown up in a big family, with brothers and sisters who I still see and love and enjoy. We are not just family, but have become friends.
- ◆ I'm grateful for my nieces and nephew, and now my great nieces and great nephews, who have brought such joy to my life over the years.
- ◆ I'm grateful for a wide array of friends from high school and college, from various parishes, from priests I've known, from different times and phases of my life, from here and there and everywhere!
- ◆ I'm grateful for Pope Francis, who makes me want to be a better priest and a better Christian.
- ◆ I'm grateful for my friends, my therapist, and others who challenge me and keep me honest.
- ◆ I'm grateful for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, for all the parishes where I have served, and for all that this local Church has meant to me and given to me.
- ◆ I'm grateful to live in St. Louis, with its history and neighborhoods, attractions and restaurants, buildings and architecture and parks.
- ◆ I'm grateful to once again be able to go to the Muny, the Fox, the Rep, Stages, and other places where I can enjoy musicals and plays.
- ◆ I'm grateful for vaccines, for my good health, and for being able to walk, to breathe, to exercise, and to enjoy life.
- ◆ I'm grateful for the men and women who work in restaurants and retail and other important but often overlooked jobs.
- ◆ I'm grateful that I have access to nutritious food and clean water and do not have to worry about going hungry.
- ◆ I'm grateful for heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer.
- ◆ I'm grateful to be able to travel once again and for all the places where I've vacationed and enjoyed and relaxed.
- ◆ I'm grateful for my dog Axel, a great companion who makes me laugh and who is always happy to see me.
- ◆ I'm grateful for my iPhone, my computer, my car, and other gadgets and toys I enjoy.
- ◆ I'm grateful for cookies at Christmastime.
- ◆ I'm grateful for the mistakes and bad choices I've made, especially the ones that have knocked me down, made me think, helped me to reevaluate, and caused me to grow.
- ◆ I'm grateful that God is merciful and loves me unconditionally.

So... what are you grateful for? Share that with someone this week. Just as important, share your gratitude with God, the source of all gifts. Happy Thanksgiving!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 22

6:30 a.m. James Gormley +

Tuesday, November 23

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

8:15 a.m. Rev. Mark Ebert +

Wednesday, November 24

6:30 a.m. Claudene Chunn +

Thursday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Mary Bendzak +

Friday, November 26

No Mass

Saturday, November 27

4:30 p.m. George Thornburgh +

Sunday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Kathy Beffa +

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.

THANKSGIVING

Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, will be at 9:00am. Plan to come to Mass to give praise and thanks to God with our parish family before Thanksgiving celebrations with your family and friends.

On Thanksgiving Day, all are invited to bring donations of food that will be shared with our local Isaiah 58 food pantry, or to make a monetary gift to our St. Vincent de Paul Winter Outreach.

The Parish Office and School will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays. If you have parish business, please take care of that at another time.

There will be NO MASS celebrated at St. Margaret of Scotland on Friday, November 26, the day after Thanksgiving.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Wednesday, November 24

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

Parish/School Office Closed

Thursday, November 25 "Happy Thanksgiving"

School/Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 26

School/Parish Offices Closed

Sunday, November 28

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

CUB SCOUT NEWS



Cub Scout Pack 110 is looking for a volunteer to be our Treasurer. The position is largely light duty and very spare-time. Please take a moment to really consider the invitation. It can be a parent or relative, but we do need someone to fill this necessary role. If you are interested or would like more information on this volunteer position please contact Matty Kleinberg, Cubmaster at mattkleinberg@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE INFORMATION

Our Lady's Inn "Baby Bottles" Results

St. Margaret of Scotland raised **\$5,023.08** in our October fundraiser!

This represents a **57% increase** from last year. Whether you put change in the bottle, wrote a check, used the QR code, or went on-line, the parish and school did a great thing and the people at Our Lady's Inn are deeply appreciative! And our friend in heaven St. Margaret is very pleased with your efforts. **Thank you** for your support of Mom's choosing life for their babies!!!!

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION



BY PETER FISHER HELED

The Solemnity of Christ the King is the last Sunday of our Liturgical Year. This placement can lead us to reflect on the Omega Christ: the end of time, judgement, eternal destiny. It is the feast that balances the Prologue of John's Gospel, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..."

We might lean toward an image of Christ as crowned and enthroned; mighty, just, and vanquishing; forceful, controlling, perhaps even frightening. And yet, through the three year lectionary cycle, every scripture reading for this feast reflects the great paradox of Christ the King. The three Gospels present Christ as Judge yet Shepherd (year A, Matthew), as a prisoner before Pilate (year B, John), and as a dying man on a cross, who promises Paradise to a criminal (year C, Luke).

Today we hear an echo of Good Friday – Pilate's interrogation of Jesus. Jesus will not claim the title of "king." He dodges it, clarifying that if he had a worldly kingdom his followers would wage a worldly fight. But this he makes clear and direct:

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Today the reading ends here. But on Good Friday we hear Pilate's response, "What is truth?" Jesus is a witness to truth, and has no interest in power. Pilate is a power broker with no conception of truth.

The "kingdoms" of this world - good, bad or indifferent – are all about something very different and distant from the "kingship" of Christ. Let us try to hear the voice of Christ. It will come from many sources, in many accents, starkly simple and utterly confounding. We may need to silence our own and other competing voices to hear it. When we do, the truth will resonate within us.

RENEWING OUR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES!

The start of a new liturgical year is just around the corner which is an excellent time to renew our liturgical practice!

For an extended period we have relied on the week-to-week flexibility of parishioners to perform various liturgical ministries. The Worship Committee is assessing the status of those who have been active – before and during the pandemic – to see who would like to:

- resume a scheduled commitment,
- stay on the list but, for now, off the schedule, or
- be removed from the ministry rolls.

We are also open to new volunteers who would like to be involved in one of our liturgical ministries: lectors, cantors, servers, flowers. We also want to start a new ministry of hospitality, and are seeking some committed and dynamic lay leadership to realize this goal.

So, this is something for you to think and pray about. A Liturgical Ministry flyer (located in the back of the church) with more detailed information might help you to discern in what way you can be of service to SMOS parish.

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. Ideal candidates will have a knowledge base in Spanish and a clear understanding of student expectations at each grade level. The 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 Burke cburke@stmargaretstl.org

YOUTH GROUP REBOOTING...PLEASE PROVIDE INPUT

Our parish Youth Ministry is returning this year for all parishioners in grades 7-12. If that's you, please scan the QR code below and take this interest survey. We would love to see you at our next event!

Subscribe to the Youth Ministry calendar here: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0cid=eW91dGhtaW5Ac3RtYXJnYXJldHN0bC5vcmc>



Did you know prayer requests are available through our parish website?

If you have a prayer intention for yourself, family member or someone you know and would like for the parish to keep you in their prayers, go to St. Margaret of Scotland parish website www.stmargaretstl.org under **Pray** and you may enter your request. If you are unable to do this please contact the Parish Office at 314-776-0363 and we will be happy to assist you with your prayer request.



2022 calendars are available and located at the entrances of the church. Please take one for your home and enjoy the religious photos.

SMOS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY SOCCER GAME

For more than 40 years, the 8th grade soccer teams play a game against their parents after the 9am Thanksgiving Mass. Please help us continue the tradition and join us for this year's game. All 8th grade students and parents are invited to participate along with recent graduates of SMOS. The game usually last about an hour and will allow you to get back home before your Thanksgiving meal. We will provide balls and equipment for the game. Please feel free to bring a morning snack, coffee, or your favorite beverage to keep you warm during the game. The game will start at 10:15am and be played in Tower Grove Park at the corner of Lawrence and Magnolia. Please bring your family and join us for the fun.

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



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SMOS Statement on Racism: WHAT NEXT?

The Racial Equity Team is hosting **TWO** parish-wide, follow-up discussions, and we need your voice!

IN PERSON: Sunday, Nov. 21 | Parish Hall at 11:15 AM

OR

ZOOM MTG: Monday, Nov. 29 | 6:30 PM

- Provide input and help determine next steps
- Moderated by Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU)
- For more information, contact Gerry Rauch at gerrrauch@gmail.com



Zoom link: <https://sluh-org.zoom.us/j/97230676377>

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