



SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND FEAST DAY!

On the weekend of November 13 & 14, 2021, parishioners celebrated our patroness' feast day with remembrance of our sacraments, music, and community.

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

October 2021

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)

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



TOGETHER IN BAPTISM

We welcome to the church the newly baptized **Amelia Grace Dunlap** daughter of Kathleen and Spencer Dunlap and **Finnegan Walker McNeive** son of Sarah and Gerald McNeive III. Please join us in congratulating these parents upon the baptism of their children. We pledge to them our continued prayerful support throughout the journey of Christian parenting.



SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

There is a promise of marriage between:

Ashlyn Frazier and Michael McGowan

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those close to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.



A NEW WEEK

Today we begin the joyful season of Advent, and I am so looking forward to my first Advent and Christmas seasons at St. Margaret of Scotland!



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

The “Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar” teach us that “Advent has a two-fold character, it is a time of preparation for Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”

A period of devout and expectant delight! I love that phrase, and I think we would all do well to reflect on those words: Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight! Will you reflect with me on those three key words?

DEVOUT: Advent is above all a holy time! We should approach it with great devotion, for Advent is meant to turn our hearts to think of Christ. All too often we make these days harried and busy, and they are anything but devout. We worry about schedules and parties and fitting everything in, and we are far from devout. We can get crabby and angry and eat and drink too much, and we forget that this is a time when we Christians are called to be devout, religious, serious, and sincere. How will you make your Advent more devout?

EXPECTANT: Our society forgets that most of December is not the main event, it is only the prelude. For Catholic Christians, Advent is a time of preparation for the main event, which is Christmas, and which doesn’t begin until the evening of December 24. If we do all of our partying and gift-giving and celebrating before Christmas, is it any wonder that we’re ready to take down our tree and turn off our lights on December 26? No, Advent is a time to look forward to what we expect. Like a child anxiously anticipating Santa’s gifts, we wait for the best night to arrive, so let’s save some of the fun for Christmastime, shall we?

DELIGHT: Who but Ebenezer Scrooge or the Grinch does not enjoy these days? They are meant to be a delight! While it is true that Advent is not Christmas, it’s not Lent either. Advent is not meant to be an overly penitential season that is marked by penance and soul-searching. No, it is meant to be a joyful season, a delightful time! While most folks don’t go overboard on the penance during Advent, we can go overboard with all the stuff that fills these days and robs our joy. Bottom line: if you’re not happy with your Advent days, if you find yourself more depressed and stressed than delighted and happy, then you’re doing something wrong, for this is meant to be a time of delight!

I want to encourage you to do some things these days that will help you to celebrate this Advent as a time of devout, expectant delight. These are not meant to make your December days more harried and busier, but suggestions that will help you remember to make this Advent a period of devout and expectant delight:

- ✦ Have an Advent Wreath in your home and light the candles on Sunday nights or when your family gathers for a meal.
- ✦ Get an Advent Calendar and open the little doors each day to reflect and prepare.
- ✦ Take and use a Little Blue Book for your Advent prayer and reflection.
- ✦ Celebrate St. Nicholas Day this coming December 6 by giving a small gift of some fruit or candy.
- ✦ Remember Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, by coming to Mass on her holy day of obligation next December 8.
- ✦ Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 by having a Mexican meal.
- ✦ Send a Christmas card to someone you love but don’t see often enough; better yet, make a phone call or a visit and talk.
- ✦ Help decorate our Church on Sunday, December 21.

Most of all, be devout, be expectant, take delight! The Lord is coming!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 29

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

Tuesday, November 30

6:30 a.m. Bill Mills +

8:15 a.m. John "Jack" Stirnemann +

Wednesday, December 1

6:30 a.m. Lucille Shirley +

Thursday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Samuel Max Bates +

Friday, December 3

6:30 a.m. Charles Willett +

8:15 a.m. Bill Thieret +

Saturday, December 4

4:30 p.m. Ginger Purcell

Sunday, December 5

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, December 1

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

Finance Comm. Mtg., 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Canmore Room

Thursday, December 2

Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. - Church

Webelo Scouts, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

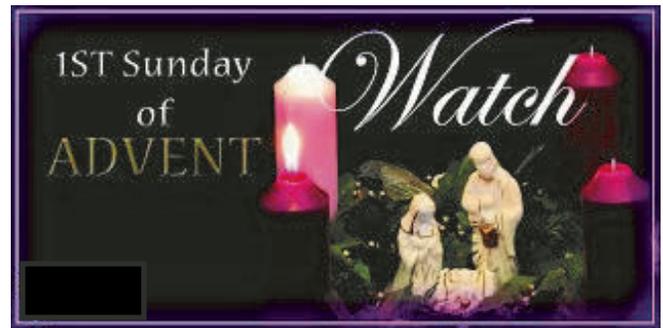
Saturday, December 4

Youth Group led Mass, 4:30 p.m. - Church

Sunday, December 5

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

SVDP Mtg., 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - Canmore Room



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 27, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2022

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
ALTAR SERVERS	Alyssa Ackerman Evertt Duffy Eamonn Duffy	Ryan Baker Daniel Chilenski Samuel LeBlanc	Glory Defenbaugh Gyatana Defenbaugh Abigail Pera
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Suzanne Bruce	Scott Wilson	Carrie Pagliarini
LECTORS	Prudence Kramer Tom Wethington	Tim Mulligan Barb Blaes	Dave Pagliarini Barbara Jennings



Due to the Christmas holidays bulletin article schedule as follows:

Weekend of **December 18-19** articles are due on Wednesday, December 8 by 2pm.

Weekend of **December 25-26** articles are due on Wednesday, December 15 by 9:00 am.

Weekend of **January 1-2, 2022** articles are due on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 by 9:00 am.

If you have questions please contact Carmela Garza at cgarza@stmargaretstl.org or call 314-776-0363 Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm.

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL NEWS

For this week's bulletin, I'd like to brag about the outstanding work of our 1st-8th grade SMOS social studies teachers and students!



Mr. Mulligan is our Middle School SS teacher. His 8th-graders are in the middle of their Civil Rights unit. They are currently researching and analyzing the suffrage movement.

At the beginning of the year, students

were learning about the Civil War. They created "historical hoodies" that identified the major players of the Civil War.

The 7th graders recently analyzed the "Acts and Reactions" associated with the American Revolution. Students created a One-Pager that demonstrated their knowledge of one of the major "Acts" placed on the Colonists by the British.

The 6th graders just finished studying the civilization of Ancient India. After researching the major achievements of Ancient India students create a "shark tank" style sales pitch. While in groups, the students will try to "sell" the importance and impact of their achievement.

Mrs. Komos' 5th-grade students have been learning about Andrew Jackson and how he was elected President of the United States because he was different than previous presidents. Presidents who were in office before Jackson were well-educated, owned land and were from Massachusetts or Virginia. Jackson grew up in poverty in a log cabin on the frontier of South Carolina. He advocated for the common man. Students were asked to create slogans that depicted something that they believed would represent their values if they were to run for President of the United States. We have two pictures of the students' slogans pasted above!



In 4th-grade, Ms. Unverfeth's students have been exploring the geography, climate, and various Native American nations that lived in five major regions of the present-day United States. Students worked in groups to explore how life was different for people living in the Pacific Northwest, Southwest, Great Basin, Plains, and Eastern Woodlands regions. They also studied the contributions Native American nations have made to American history and the traditions they continue to celebrate to this day.

Ms. Redmond's 3rd-graders have been working hard on their Missouri interactive notebooks! So far, they've covered democracy and the important signs and symbols of Missouri. This week, they've started to learn about the geography of Missouri.

Ms. Kirner's 2nd-grade class is developing their historical thinking skills by studying and comparing the lives of people in the past and present. Students are observing and exploring different inventions and how objects have changed over time. One object they are exploring is the phone and how it has advanced with technology. They will get to look at an old rotary phone, a Nokia cell phone, and today's smartphones!

Ms. Clark's 1st-grade class is challenging themselves to learn more about how society has changed over time. They are comparing life long ago to life today and how it is the same and different.



BY MS. CHRISTINE BURKE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

SVDP WINTER OUTREACH 2021

We hope you all had a wonderful and bountiful Thanksgiving! We also hope you've had a chance to get your special "Winter Outreach 2021" envelope found in the pews. Please fill it with your holiday generosity, and give it to one of our special Elves on your way out of church. Or, make a donation through WeShare. We'll be collecting your donations through December 31st, so you still have plenty of time!

Please remember your donations go to the great cause of helping those living within our parish with their heat and light bills, food, furniture, etc. The need is always there. And, you are always there when your St. Vincent de Paul reaches out to you. Thank you, and Happy Advent Season!



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The annual Women's Advent by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, December 5.



Women of the parish, this is an event for you. Come enjoy an evening of quiet respite, shared prayer, community-building, and the company of your parish sisters as we prepare our hearts for Christ to enter our world.

Register on WeShare \$5 per person. For more information please contact Ruth Pera at ffc@stmargaretstl.org or call the Parish Office 314-776-0363.

Please join us for this wonderful evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

We Share Online
Event Registrations and Giving
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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

SMOS LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS

The Ladies Auxiliary Annual Raffle fundraiser will begin this weekend. The money raised is used to offset the costs of our ministry, the most important and significant of which is providing funeral luncheons. We also purchase items for our parish, such as vestments, chalices and altar drapes repair/cleaning. We support SVDP, provide funds for our eighth grade graduation party, host the school and rectory staff at our Christmas dinner and provide lunch for the school staff during Catholic Schools Week. The raffle tickets have been mailed to each registered parishioner family this week. Included with the tickets are instructions for purchase and return. We are very grateful for your support!

The Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to announce the winners for the **November** raffle:

Benjamin Sciortino - \$25

Craig Rebholz - \$50

Cathy White - \$100

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



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On the Horizon

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5 - Women's Advent by Candlelight - Church - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8 - Mass 6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. School Mass & 6:30 p.m. - Church

Advent Afternoon Reflection

Saturday, December 11 - 2pm Reflection from Fr. Vien, 2:30 pm - Adoration, 3:00pm - Reflection #2 - 3:30pm Confessions, 4:30 pm - Mass - Church

Parish Penance Service

Monday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. - Church

CUB SCOUT NEWS

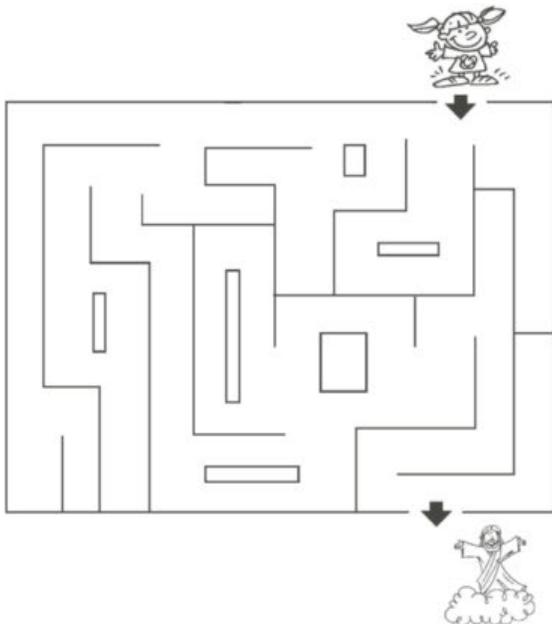


Cub Scout Pack 110 is looking for a volunteer to be our Treasurer. The position is largely light duty and very spare-time. Please take a moment to really consider the invitation. It can be a parent or relative, but we do need someone to fill this necessary role. If you are interested or would like more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

Children's Corner

PUZZLE

Help this child find the path to God.



MISSION

Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you to be brave.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Advent • Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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