

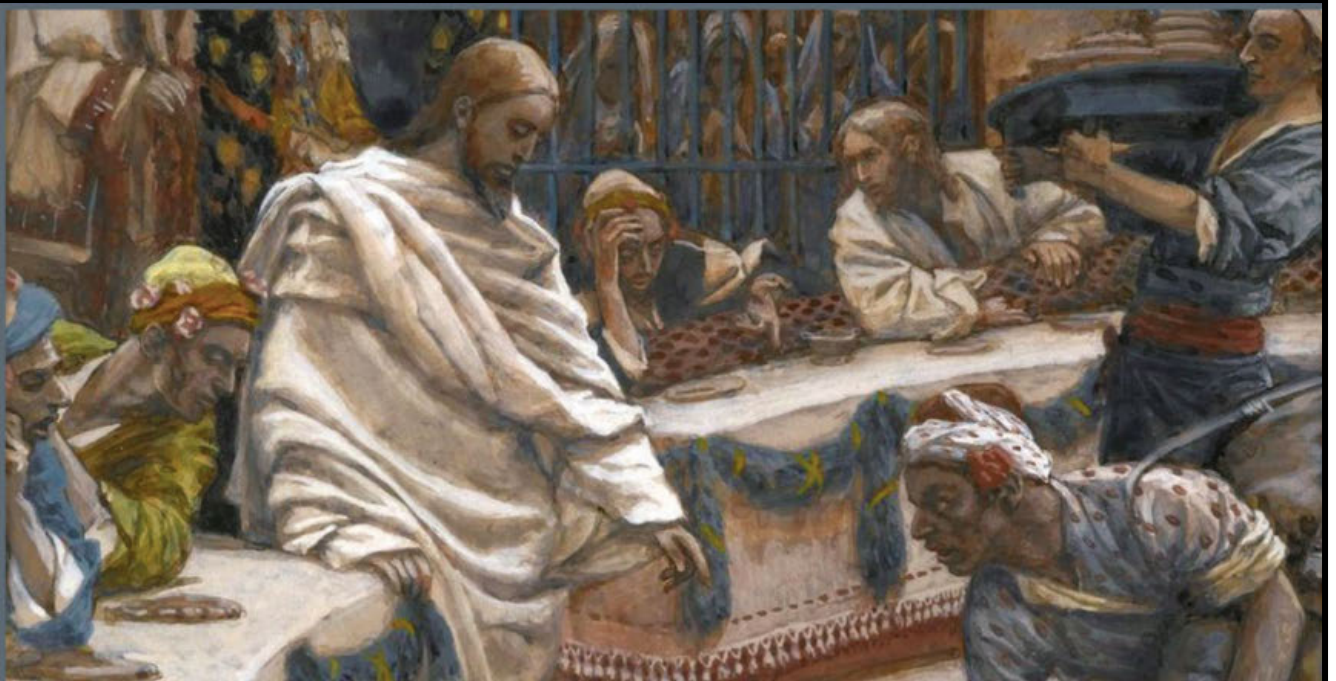


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Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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Monday thru Friday at 6:30 a.m.

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

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MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

December 2021

Total General Fund Contributions:	\$63,915.00
General Fund Budget Goal:	\$49,141.00
Amount Over/(Under) Budget:	\$14,774.00
Number of Sundays:	4

FY22 YTD (July '21 - December '21)

Total General Fund Contributions:	\$309,597.00
General Fund Budget Goal:	\$319,424.00
Amount Over (Under) Budget:	\$(9,827.00)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

(1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERING OFFERING IN MEMORY OF:

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Stan MaKa & Rosemary Zysk
James & Dorothy Gormley
Catherine Sheeran
Audrey Gehr
Vernon Gehr
Robert Lenze



Deceased members of Tyburski-Wethington Family
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Bob & Virginia Emmett
Jim & Beth Holdinghaus
Chester & Patricia Schnatzmeyer
Patrick & Ann O'Brien
Lucia Oeding



A NEW WEEK



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

As we anticipate the beginning of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning process, called “All Things New”, I’d like to turn this space over to Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have begun a process of pastoral planning.

We’re about to cross two milestones. 1) This year, for the first time since the early 1960s, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will report fewer than 500,000 Catholics. 2) In the next few years we will hit the point where we have fewer active diocesan priests than we have parishes. It’s time for us to step back and think about where we are demographically.

The Church is a living organism — not a set of buildings — and the purpose of that living organism is to evangelize, to share the Good News with others. We’ve been very good at keeping our buildings open and our programs going. But we’ve not yet gotten very good at evangelization. How do we equip ourselves better for that mission? It’s time for us to step back and think about where we are organizationally.

The earliest Church wrote the Gospels to proclaim the Good News. Afterward, the Church defined the Creeds to clarify the Good News — exactly what it meant and didn’t mean. Then the Church built churches to make the Good News visible in bricks and mortar. The Church built schools and hospitals, to make the Good News practical. The Church has always stepped to the plate to proclaim the Gospel according to the needs of the time. The question is: what do we most need to do today to proclaim the Good News?

We’ve tended to build buildings and multiply programs. But those strategies are no longer hitting the mark. The steady decline in numbers over the last several decades has been telling us that: fewer baptisms, fewer weddings, fewer parishioners, lower Mass attendance rates.

But that’s not the whole story. Every year we also set new records for generosity. And we don’t just give money, we give a tremendous amount of time and energy to our parishes and schools. We are almost 500,000 strong. Think of what would happen if we all moved in one direction to boycott something or support something! We have an unparalleled capacity to make things happen.

Perhaps the key threat these days isn’t a lack of energy, but dissipation. Dissipation happens when energy gets scattered rather than concentrated. And that’s what it feels like is happening these days: we are becoming physically, psychologically, and spiritually scattered. What would it mean to re-focus our energy?

That’s why we’re engaging in pastoral planning: because we need to decide how to concentrate the tremendous energies we have at our disposal in the archdiocese. And that’s an exciting prospect!

Good pastoral planning needs the prayer and input of everyone. So I ask for your prayer, and I ask for your input. This living organism — the Church, us! — exists to share the Good News with every person on earth. What do we need to do that today?

You will be hearing much more about “All Things New” in the months to come. For now, join me in praying that the Holy Spirit guide our Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning. Come, Holy Spirit!



St. Margaret of Scotland

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Boy Scouts News

E-RECYCLING

Did you receive new electronic devices for Christmas? Do you have any old ones? What will you do with them? Don't throw them out! Boy Scout Troop 110 will once again be holding an e-recycling event on **Saturday, March 5, 2022**. Watch for more details in the upcoming bulletins.



LIVING JUSTICE NEWS

The St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Living Justice Ministry is monthly newsletter that provides updates on meetings and events, links to great social justice resources, suggestions for taking action, prayers and reflections, and more!



GROWING IN FAITH

Everyone loves a classic coming of age drama - the stories of high school kids (played by actors who could absolutely in no way actually be mistaken for high school kids) navigating the world of the nerds, the jocks, the band geeks, the drama kids, the popular kids, the hippies, the bullies, and all of the trials that come with life among people of very limited and clearly outlined sets of gifts and challenges.



BY RUTH PERA
COORDINATOR OF
FAITH FORMATION

But as I've gotten older, I am amazed at the variety of gifts that my friends and loved ones possess. Far from being limited to the categories of high school (academics, athletics, music...), I see people around me who are good at thinking through processes, envisioning spaces, planning days, asking interesting questions, learning information quickly, engineering solutions, creating fun in mundane situations, creating beauty from nothing with music and art, breaking down complex ideas into simple bits to be taught to children...I could sit here and marvel at their talents for ever - gifts that I didn't even know were a gift with which someone could be bestowed! The uniqueness of God's image in each of us is truly remarkable.

The second reading today reminded me to rejoice in the gifts of community members, and to rejoice in my own gifts. Though I am more likely to see the areas in which I am lacking, I am assured that 1) I have been given gifts and 2) my talents were given to me with purpose, so I would be wise to acknowledge and use them. It's good, sometimes, to be reminded of that.

The Gospel today is familiar and one of my favorites. But, paired with today's reading from 1 Corinthians and this perspective about our unique and individual gifts, it gives me a renewed appreciation for each person in the Gospel story. Jesus, of course, combined with his Father, was the source of the miraculous wine. But without the gift of the servers' obedience and labor, without the gift of Mary's noticing and compassion-driven action - where would the story of Christ's miracle be? This is the Body of Christ: we are all unique, and yet, not truly whole on our own. By noticing and using each person's God-given gifts with gratitude - no matter how seemingly insignificant those gifts may be - we can bring God's grace to those around us and turn our world into a better place (and maybe even one with a little more wine in it). Never undersell your own place in that world.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

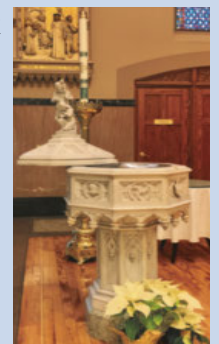
Our Parish prays before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from **7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Drop-ins are welcome and encouraged. We meet in the **St. Vincent de Paul Children's Chapel.**

If you would like to volunteer your time, have questions or need more information about this peaceful ministry, please contact Therese Noecker at trnoecker@gmail.com or call 314-482-1180.



BABY TO BAPTIZE?

To schedule your child's baptism, contact the parish office at least two months in advance (the sooner the better). New parents take a one-time preparation session, offered monthly. Baptisms are held AT or AFTER the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, usually limited to twice a month. For more information contact Ruth Pera our Faith Formation Coordinator at ffc@stmargaretstl.org or 314-776-0363 ext. 1002.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 17

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

Tuesday, January 18

6:30 a.m. Celia Schoeberle +

8:15 a.m. Alice Benga

Wednesday, January 19

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

Thursday, January 20

6:30 a.m. Charles Willett +

Friday, January 21

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

8:15 a.m. Ginger Purcell

Saturday, January 22

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Michael & Mary Brake

10:00 a.m. Ted Petersen +

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

Monday, January 17 "Martin Luther King Jr. Day"
Rector & School Closed

Wednesday, January 19

Centering Prayer, 8:30 a.m. - Chapel
School Board Mg., 7:00 p.m. - School

Thursday, January 20

Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Church

Sunday, January 23

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



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - WEEKEND OF JANUARY 22 & 23

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

SVDP Winter Outreach 2021

Happy New Year - And, Happy we are! Thank you! You are the most wonderfully generous parish ever! Together we raised **over \$27,800!!** Far exceeding our goal!



We are forever thankful and humbled by your show of support. These funds will help keep us funded for many months to come, enabling us to be generous with many who reach out to us for help. We are also very grateful to the students and faculty of St. Margaret's School. Their Dress Down Day brought us \$541, and then they held a class by class collection of personal/home care products that filled our pantry shelves abundantly! Plus, many thanks to Fr. Vien for his heartfelt attention and support for this cause. Giving is truly something this parish does so very well! Exceptionally in this case! We thank you for your generosity to this event, and your continued support as we carry on in St. Vincent de Paul's, and St. Margaret's, mission to serve those in need in our parish.

JUSTFAITH MINISTRY



JustFaith's Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey is an eight-week small faith group session which will **start Monday, January 24, 2022** by zoom from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

This eight-session, faith-filled program provides you with a chance to learn, pray, discuss, and to discover more about our Catholic teachings, our values, our God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world.

The suggested price of the program is \$20, but do not let cost stand in your way of joining us. Sign up on We Share located on the parish website. Details will be sent upon registration.

For more information, contact Julie Hesed at momhesed@gmail.com (314-349-7788) or Astrid Homan at astrid@frontier.net (636 – 467-8036)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM NEWS

Are you thinking about volunteering in the 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.



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