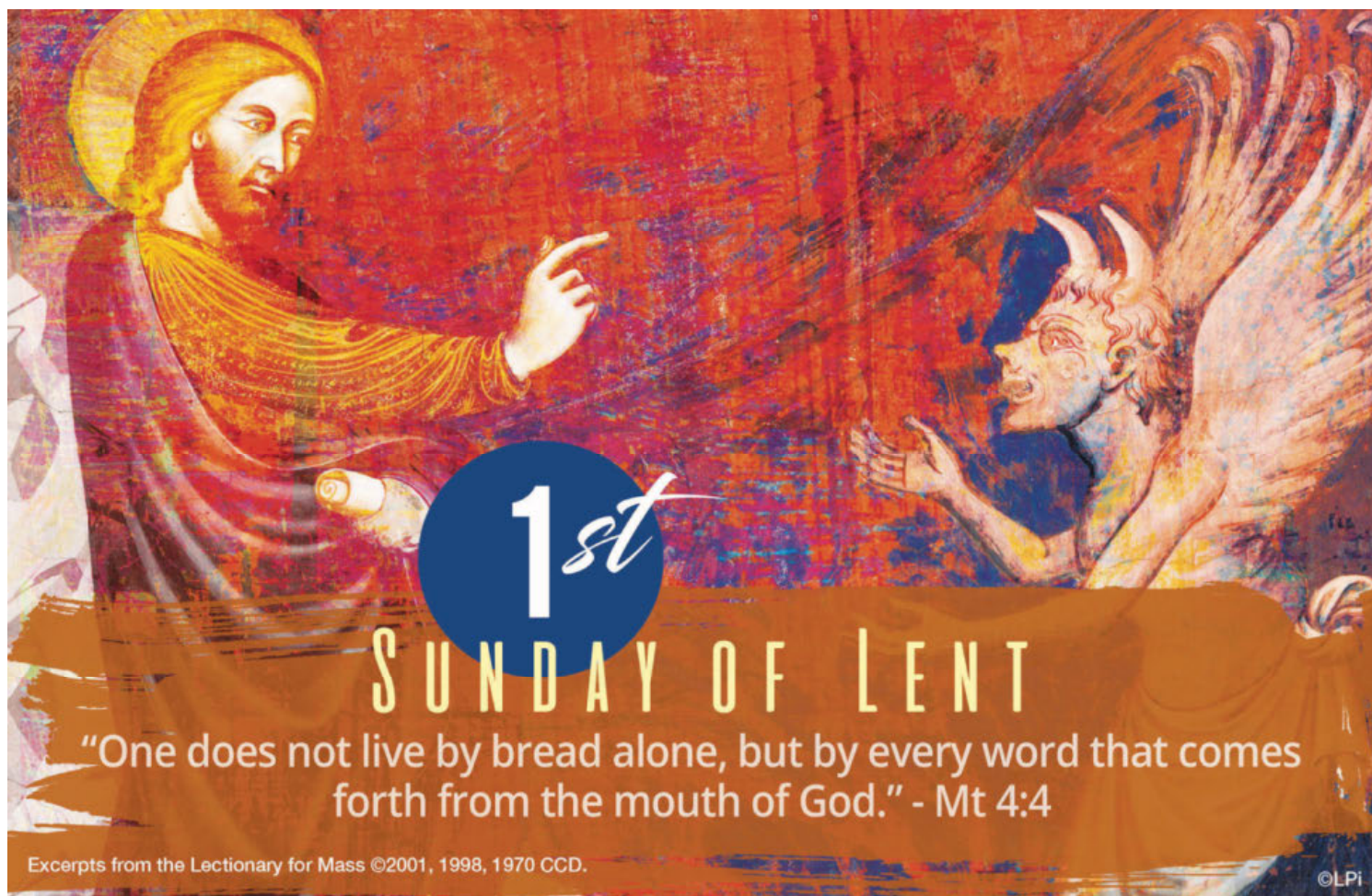




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FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. on school days

Holy Days and holidays as published in Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass or after Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. A Baptism Preparation Class is required of first-time parents. Contact Ruth Pera to arrange a baptism or for more information.

ADULT INITIATION:

Adults are received into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) usually celebrated at the Easter Vigil after participating in a process of Christian formation and education called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please contact Ruth Pera.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:

Couples wishing to be married at St. Margaret should contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement and at least six months before the proposed wedding date. At least one of the couple should be a practicing Catholic, registered and living in the parish. A program of marriage preparation is required. Please contact the Pastor or Ruth Pera.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you are anticipating surgery, are sick or homebound and would like to be anointed, please contact the Pastor or the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Any young person interested in the priesthood or in the religious life is encouraged to contact the Pastor or to call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 314-792-6460. All Catholics are called to pray for an increase in religious vocations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27

6:30 a.m. Casey Family Intentions

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 a.m. Le Family

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 a.m. Eugene Buckley +

8:15 a.m. SMOS PTA Members

Thursday, March 2

6:30 a.m. Jack Stirnemann +

Friday, March 3

6:30 a.m. Patrick Brake

Saturday, March 4

4:30 p.m. J. Rogers Vien +

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. H. Grady Vien +

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

C = Church; CH = Church Hall; CR = Canmore Room; R = Rectory

Tuesday, February 28

Youth Group Bible Study, 7:30pm (CR)

Wednesday, March 1

Centering Prayer, 8:30-9:30am (CR)

Tiger Scouts, 6:30 pm (CH)

Finance Comm. Mtg., 7:00pm (CR)

Choir Rehearsal, 7:15-9:15pm (C)

Thursday, March 2

Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00am-3:00pm (Chapel)

Young Adults & Professionals Bible Study, 6:30pm (CR)

Friday, March 3

Scouts Lenten Breakfast For Dinner, 5:00-7:00pm (CH)

Stations of the Cross - Led by Respect Life, 7:00pm (C)

Saturday, March 4

Scouts Electronic Recycling, 9:00am-12:30pm (School)

Sunday, March 5

Pray the Rosary, 7:30am (C)

SVDP Mtg., 8:50am (CR)

Girl Scout Troop 740 Selling Cookies after Masses (C)

First Communion Retreat, 12:00-4:00pm (CH)

Bulletin Article Deadline: Mondays by 2:00 p.m.

During holidays, a special schedule notice will be placed in the bulletin. For more details, contact the Parish Office at 314-776-0363.

A NEW WEEK

We have begun the journey of Lent. During these holy weeks, we focus on prayer, fasting, and works of mercy so that we can be inwardly cleansed and made ready to celebrate the great mysteries of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Of course I encourage you to consider your own prayer (the time and energy you spend with God), your fasting (what you can give up that you do not need), and your works of mercy (what you can share with or give to others, especially the poor). If each of us makes some strides in each of these areas, it will be a blessed Lent indeed!



BY FR. JOHN VIEN

I'd like to suggest a resolution for our whole parish family: to attend the Triduum Services of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Plan now to participate in the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Memorial of the Passion & Death of the Lord on Good Friday, and the Great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. These days are the most important days of our Church year. The Triduum is to our year what Sunday is to our week! If you have attended the Triduum before, you know that they are the most beautiful and meaningful liturgies of the year. If you have not attended before, this is your invitation to take one step closer to the Lord. Set those nights aside, plan now to attend, and make that a Lenten promise.

Lent is a most holy time for our candidates who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. We do not have any catechumens who would be baptized at Easter, but we do have two candidates for initiation – Emily Everett and Matt Council. They will not be baptized again – since baptism is received only once – but will join the Church by making a Profession of Faith, being confirmed, and receiving the Eucharist. Matt will be initiated at the Easter Vigil, and due to important commitments, Emily will be initiated on Pentecost Sunday. Today we celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion with them at our 10:00am Mass. Our whole parish family should be fervently praying for our candidates during these days of Lent, as their conversion and growing closer to the Lord and the community reminds us of our own need for conversion and growth.



**PRAYER,
FASTING,
AND
ALMSGIVING**

In this bulletin, you'll find some Lenten almsgiving opportunities for our parish family. In particular, I ask your participation on our Parish Lenten Project for the Mandeville Multi-cultural Scholarship Fund. The Mandeville Fund assists non-Catholic and minority families to attend our parish school and is a sign of our commitment to inclusion, diversity, and equity. Our Living Justice Ministries are sponsoring the Tree of Mercy, to promote our good deeds all Lent long, and our Girl Scouts will be collecting diapers at the end of March. Thanks for your support of these efforts! And remember that our parish is a charity, and a worthy recipient of your Lenten almsgiving. Our Sunday collections have been down compared to our budget, so your generosity to St. Margaret is always appreciated, but especially during Lent.

May God bless our prayer, fasting, and charity this Lent. Let us pray for one another!



TOGETHER IN BAPTISM

We welcome to the church the newly baptized, **Rowan Michael Jensen** son of Amanda Hesse & Suzanna Jensen. Please join us in congratulating these parents upon the baptism of their child. We pledge to them our continued prayerful support throughout the journey of Christian parenting.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

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

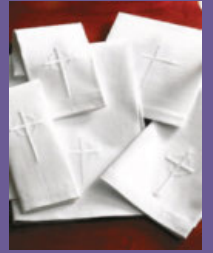
Gary Franklin - \$25

Mary Long - \$50

Bev Keller - \$100

VOLUNTEER REQUEST

The Parish is in need of volunteers to take care of the Mass linens (altar cloths and purificators) for the Church. For more information or questions, please contact Carmela Garza at 314-776-0363 or cgarza@stmargaretstl.org.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Parish prays before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from **7:00 a.m. to 3:00pm**. Drop-ins are welcome and encouraged. Meet in the St. Vincent de Paul Children's Chapel. For more info about this peaceful ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 314-776-0363 or via email at parishoffice@stmargaretstl.org.



REFLECTIONS ON SMOS STATEMENT ON RACISM

The following continues our series of reflections on our Parish Statement on Racism:

"We believe that the St. Louis Archdiocese, using the specific recommendations of the study Forward Through Ferguson, can take a significant role, nationally, in challenging racism and that St. Margaret of Scotland can be a committed ally in the work to be done here at home. Our diocese has been a national leader before, bringing integration of schools years before the courts (St Louis Racial Justice Decrees of 1947), and we strive to lead again. As the largest religious group in the metropolitan area, Catholics could lead by example as we carefully examine our institutions and culture for policies and structures which contain racial bias and create new and equitable ones." (from St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Statement on Racism)

Reflecting on paragraph seven of our Parish Statement on Racism leaves me feeling tense(s) in at least two ways. First, this single paragraph invites us to recall three tenses: our past, present, and future. In the past, Cardinal Joseph Ritter began to correct some of the racist policies in the Archdiocese of St. Louis that perpetuated injustices like segregated schools. These policy changes are good and necessary, but not sufficient.

In our present lifetimes, we've seen the unjust death of Michael Brown in nearby Ferguson. A few generations after the tide began to turn under Ritter's leadership, we continue to live with evil outcomes resulting from centuries of racism.

Racism is an undeniable feature of our past and present. We also have the opportunity to lessen its impact on our future. There will always be an opportunity for us to ensure anti-racist policies are implemented and achieve their intended outcome.

Second, as I contemplate the call to action of our parish letter on racism, I feel myself getting anxious and nervous. My body tenses up a bit. I think this psychosomatic response is healthy. It can serve as the catalyst to both our individual and community responses. When I was growing up, my dad regularly reminded me that when we're comfortable, we're not learning. How can I learn from our past and present experiences of racism? How can I transform this tension into action? What will I do to contribute to a better future and help end racism?

This Michael Miller is a parishioner at St. Margaret of Scotland, resident of Shaw neighborhood, and a mission leader for SSM Health.

Over the course of nine weeks, the SMOS Living Justice Ministry - Racial Equity Team will present reflections from various parishioners on the Parish Statement on Racism. To read more about the Statement, please go to the front page of the Parish website at stmargaretstl.org.

PRAY • FAST • GIVE

Join our parish in Lenten almsgiving through these projects.

Mandeville Fund

The Mandeville Fund - a scholarship established to create opportunities for minority children of all religions who live in the City, to study alongside Catholic children at St. Margaret of Scotland - is in great need of fund renewal.

Donate to this parish effort using envelopes found in the back of Church or on WeShare.

Contributions to The Mandeville Fund support ongoing formation programs in our mission values for all students, faculty, and staff, and families at St. Margaret of Scotland School.

Tree of Mercy

Sponsored by Living Justice Ministry

Join us this season in practicing Works of Mercy in your daily life, and help our young ones see the impact of their good works as our parish Tree of Mercy flowers.

Mark acts of charity and advocacy, good deeds, and spiritual works of mercy by hanging a leaf or flower on the tree in the back of Church.

Living Justice Ministry has put together a list of suggested actions you can take now to impact our local community and contribute to the tree.

Girl Scout Troop 2184 Diaper Drive

March 25-26 after all Masses

Diapers (all sizes) and diaper wipes will be collected and donated to the St. Pius V pantry. Bring these items to Church the last weekend in March and leave in the designated areas.

ON THE HORIZON

March 7 - Stations of the Cross Led By 4th Grade, 8:15am, School

March 14 - Parish Penance Service, 7:00pm, Church

March 18 - Children's Choir Mass, 4:30pm, Church

March 24 - Exodus Story Performance, 8:15am, School

March 24 - Youth Ministry Grilled Cheese & Soup Supper, 5:30-7:30pm, Church Hall

March 24 - Stations of the Cross Led By LJM Gun Sense Team, 7:00pm, Church

March 31 - Feastie Boys Fish Fry, 5:00-8:00pm, School

March 31 - Stations of the Cross Led By LJM Racial Equity Team, 7:00pm, Church

April 2 - Palm Sunday, 9:30am Procession To Church

April 4 - Living Stations of the Cross Led By 6th Grade, 8:15am, School

April 6 - Holy Thursday, 7:00pm Mass, Church

April 7 - Good Friday, 12:00pm Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm Service, Church

April 8 - Easter Vigil, 8:00pm Mass, Church

April 9 - EASTER SUNDAY, 8:00am & 10:00am Masses

SCOUTING NEWS - TROOP 110



Friday March 3, 5:00-7:00pm
SMOS Church Hall

\$8/plate or \$30/family (preorder)

\$9/plate or \$35/ family (at door)

bit.ly/smosscoutsbreakfastdinner2023

Let the scout family serve you a great breakfast!



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, March 4, 9:00am-12:30pm
SMOS School - 3964 Castleman Ave.

Anything with a cord or battery working or not.

See SMOS parish website for more details on both events.

MINISTRY UPDATES

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Spring Retreat

SMOS Youth Ministry is excited for their Spring Retreat at Camp Ondessonk from April 14-16! Enjoy the great outdoors and participate in a variety of activities, including s'mores, ropes courses, and outdoor adoration. This is a great opportunity to connect with other students, both old friends and new ones. Don't miss out on this chance to make lasting memories and grow in your faith. Scan the QR code to register!



Also on Sunday, February 26, don't miss the upcoming **Formation Night: Reconciliation** from 6:00-7:30pm. Youth Ministry will answer questions like: Why should I go to confession? Can't I just confess my sins by myself in prayer? Can the priest really not tell anyone my sins?

And on Tuesday, February 28, **Youth Bible Study** is in the Canmore Room from 7:30-8:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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THE FEASTIE BOYS PRESENT...



Scan Me! To Pre-Order A Time Slot

Friday, March 31, 2023



SMOS School Cafeteria
3964 Castleman Ave.
Saint Louis, MO 63110

One Night ONLY

5pm-8pm

bit.ly/smosfishfry2023

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UNCLOUDING OUR PAST

An Interactive Communal Exploration
of our Parish History and Memory of Race

What to Bring:
Your questions
Your Memories
Your Hopes

Sunday, March 12
11 AM-1 PM | SMOS Church Hall

Refreshments will be provided.
Registration is encouraged though not required.
<https://bit.ly/uncloudingourpast>



"We can never move forward without remembering the past;
we do not progress without an honest and unclouded memory."
-Pope Francis

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON CREMATION?

Attend *The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues* to ensure your final plans are aligned with Catholic teaching.

SATURDAY | MARCH 11, 2023

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND IN SOUTH CITY

To register, visit
rcfstl.org/general/the-conversation-spring-2023
or call 314.918.2890



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Join us for Missouri Advocacy Day.



You and your friends are invited to join the **SMOS Gun Sense: For the Common Good** task force in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 7 from 9:30am-2:00pm to attend the **Missouri Advocacy Day**. This is an opportunity to join with Missourians across the state to ask our legislators to protect our children and families by enacting sensible gun laws.

This event, sponsored by the MO chapter of [Moms Demand Action](#), will begin with training and education and then offer participants a chance to visit legislators in groups of 8-10 people to advocate for common sense gun laws. You don't need any experience, just the willingness to participate. **Virtual options available as well.** Signup via QR code.



THANK you!

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary thanks you for your generosity this past Christmas. Our seminarians are grateful for the prayers and support of your parish.

There is still time to donate! Please visit kenrick.edu/GodsPeople.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three IN-PERSON weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

3/31-4/2 - Fairfield Inn (Westport Plz.), St. Louis, MO
 5/-5/7 - Drury Plaza Hotel, Cape Girardeau, MO
 8/4- 8/6 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

Lenten Prayer Service



Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
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**In the Wilderness:
 Seeking God's
 Way Together**

Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 10 a.m.
 Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet Motherhouse
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