

SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

newsletter

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2015

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Join us for
Holy Week!

Easter Triduum Schedule

Please note locations for the Pastoral Region liturgies.

Pastoral Region

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thurs., April 2, 7:00 PM at Assumption Church

Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Fri., April 3, 12:30 & 7:00 PM

Pastoral Region

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

Sat., April 4, 8:45 PM at Assumption Church

Easter Sunday Masses

Sun., April 5, 8:30 & 10:30 AM



Easter Egg hunt
for the youngsters
after 10:30 am
Mass

"It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

– St. Pope John Paul II

Winter Events Wrap-up



The Brunch Bunch

A group of dedicated volunteers woke early on New Year's morning and headed out to the Ronald McDonald House where they prepared and served brunch to guest resident families. A total of 115 delicious hot meals were served.



Winter Youth Socials

The annual Winter Youth Socials took place on December 28th for Junior High School students and December 29th for Middle School students from St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann's and Assumption. Attendees enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, games and fun with friends.



COME TO St. Margaret Mary Casino Night

Casino Night

Each year, Casino Night is an evening of friends, food and great fun! This year was no exception. Patrons enjoyed poker, hi-lo, split-the-pot and other games of chance. The night was capped off by awarding winners of the specialty baskets, ipad, jewelry and the cash grand prizes. A big "thank you" to all those who attended and supported the event as well as those who volunteered their time to make the evening a success.



Photos courtesy of Denise Lucas

around the parish

First Communion: Sunday, May 3

Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they continue to prepare to make their **First Communion** at the Masses on Sunday, May 3 at St. Margaret Mary Church!

Nick Zeek

Kaylee McClain

Erica Meyer

Anthony Lavagna

Jacob Hillner

Preston Hillner

Jacob O'Rourke

Samantha Hartman



Confirmation: Tuesday, April 14

Confirmandi from St. Margaret Mary joined with Assumption, and St. Ann parishes on Feb. 7 for their Confirmation retreat which took place at Assumption. Please continue to pray for our young people as they enter the home stretch in their preparation to receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation** at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Tuesday, April 14!



Alex Lopez

Brendan Keller

Joshua Mayfield

Noah Miller

Catherine Hummeldorf

Andrea Traut

Note: Joshua Mayfield was a participant from Little Flower Parish.



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SAVE THE DATE

Labor Day Weekend Festival

Sat/Sun September 5/6
Come out and enjoy the fun!

Planning has already begun for the **St. Margaret Mary 2015 Labor Day Weekend Festival**. There will be the usual favorites like the Baskets Raffle, Instants and other games of chance, Chicken Dinner, and a wide assortment of food to tempt your taste buds. Plus, we will have live bands to entertain the crowd both nights, with the rock-n-roll sounds of Final Order on Saturday and 90 Proof Twang getting our feet stomping on Sunday night. We hope to see you there supporting the parish while having some good fun.

New Grand Raffle for 2015 Tickets are on sale now!



Tickets are \$1 each. The grand prize will be \$2500 with additional prizes being two \$500 prizes and two \$250 prizes. Return your tickets early and be eligible for weekly Early Bird drawings taking place every Friday from Jun. 5 - Jul. 31. Two winners each week will receive five additional tickets.



It is time to renew your **Kroger Plus Card** registration so that St. Margaret Mary Church will continue to earn cash rewards from your purchases made while shopping at Kroger. You can register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Registration is quick and easy, **OR If you do not have access to a computer or need help enrolling**, please contact Jenni Petrey in the office, 521-7387 and she will happily help you to get registered.

If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for St. Margaret Mary until after you re-register your card(s).



ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER

April 11, 2015

in the Parish Activity Center Cafeteria following the 4:30 PM Mass. Dinner will be served from 5:45 until 7 PM. The festivities will end at 8 PM.

Cost: \$8.00

Childs portion available for those 12 and under

Come show your support for St. Margaret Mary Parish's youth ministry projects.



Save the Date Now! Annual Parish Picnic 2015 Sunday, July 5th???

Join us at Stricker's Grove for our annual parish picnic. Bring your family and friends. NEW this year - gates open at NOON. Rides open from 1-4 and 5-8 PM. More details as the date draws near.



2015 Assumption Parish Festival June 5th, 6th, and 7th

Great food and great fun for all
Live bands every night
Chicken dinner on Sunday

around the parish



Next Eucharistic Adoration: Sat., May 30 SPEND QUIET TIME WITH OUR LORD



Fifth Saturday Mass at 8:30 AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration beginning at approximately 9:00 AM until Benediction at 1:00 PM. All are encouraged to take advantage of this special opportunity to spend some quiet and peaceful time with Our Lord.



DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

Try out the Dynamic Catholic Book Club at St.MM

Book topics are of a spiritual and/or Catholic faith formative nature. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month in Room 20 of the PAC at 7:00 p.m. Participants gather to review the current book being read. Contact Wilma McGlasson, 521-7387 or email wmcglasson@fuse.net for more information.

PARISH CLASSIFIEDS: YOU ARE NEEDED

BEREAVEMENT

St. Margaret Mary Bereavement group continues to seek interested persons to help with this very important ministry. Anyone who has lost a loved one understands the important role this group plays in assisting the family of the deceased by offering support and guidance while planning the funeral Mass. Contact the Parish Office if you feel called to this ministry and would like to help or if you have questions, 521-7387.

CAN YOU HELP?

St. Margaret Mary Friday Night Bingo is always in need of help. Please consider offering a few hours of your time either monthly, quarterly or as on-call to keep this important fund raiser flourishing for the parish. Contact the Parish Office to see how you can help, 521-7387.

Save the Dates Now!

2015 Vacation Bible School

Are you looking for a way to be engaged in the parish in an interesting, fun and unique way? Consider joining this year's Vacation Bible School. Held from 6:00 - 8:00 each evening starting Monday, June 22 thru Thursday, June 25, VBS is a fun-filled event focused on our faith.

Each year, VBS uses a kid-friendly theme. This year's VBS theme is "SonSpark Labs" – a fun and engaging discovery lab where children will have a great time singing fun songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they'll discover that God's plan for everyone is Jesus!

The event is hosted annually at St. Margaret Mary and all within our regional parish and school community as well as friends, families, neighbors, etc. are welcome! And while the learning is geared for the children of our community, volunteers of all ages are needed to make this event a success. Please look for information in the bulletin on how to take part.



Soarin' at St. Margaret Mary

You won't want to miss OLG's **Soarin' Spring Choral Concert** set to take place in St. Margaret Mary Church on Sunday, May 17 at 2:30 PM. Come and enjoy the melodious vocals of this talented group of students.



News from the Eagle's Nest

OLG Special Events Scheduled for April - May - June 2015

- Easter/Spring Break: Fri., Apr. 3 - Fri., Apr. 10
(classes resume Mon., Apr. 13)
- 7th Grade Confirmation @ St. Peter in Chains Cathedral:
Tues., Apr. 14, 7:00 PM
- Primary Grades Special Person Day: Wed., Apr. 15
- Kindergarten Special Person Day: Fri., Apr. 17
- Spring Musical: Fri., May 8 & Sat., May 9, 7:00 PM
at Little Flower
- Soarin' Spring Concert: Sun., May 17, 2:30 PM at St.MM
- 8th Grade Graduation: Wed., May 22, 7:00 PM
at Assumption
- Last Day of School: Fri., May 29

Enjoy the Summer!



Good-bye Mrs. Hicks!

The OLG community will be bidding farewell to principal Mrs. Sally Hicks as she retires at the end of this school year. Mrs. Hicks began as OLG's principal in 2011. She retires after 34 years in education, 19 of them in administration.

Besides visiting with grandchildren, Mrs. Hicks hopes to travel and is planning to go to Italy in the fall of 2016. She also would like to catch up with some reading, in particular the Harry Potter series from beginning to end! In between she will be stripping wallpaper and painting.

Asked for parting words, Mrs. Hicks responded, "I will really miss the kids and the hugs from the little guys. The faculty has become a team and they are very focused on student achievement. The kids are well behaved and we are watching them improve academically each year. I am leaving Our Lady of Grace while they are in a good place and look forward to hearing about their successes in the future".



Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Pack 660 held its annual Pinewood Derby on February 20th at the Assumption Parish Center. Each young scout crafts his own race car from a block of wood and four wheels. Part of the pack's annual traditions, the derby began with a moment of silence in honor of former OLG student Tony Merk and the running of a race car made in his honor. Cars created from each age group are then raced down a metal track in electronically timed heats of four. Trophies were awarded for the top 3 winners from each age group along with prizes for craftsmanship and originality.



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Parish Calendar

MARCH

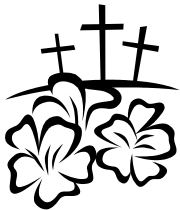
Chrism Mass

Tues., March 31, 7:00 PM,
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

APRIL

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

See full schedule on front cover



Italian Dinner

Sat., April 11, Dinner served
from 5:45-7:00 in PAC Cafeteria

Confirmation

Tues., April 14, 7:00 PM,
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

MAY



First Communion

Sun., May 3; will be taking place
at both Masses

Parish Marion Devotion

Date and time to be announced

Celebration of Graduates

Sun., May 17 after
10:30 AM Mass



OLG Graduation

Weds., May 27, 7:00 PM,
Assumption Church

OLG Last Day of School

Fri., May 29

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Sat., May 30, 8:30 AM Mass,
1:00 Benediction

JUNE

Assumption Parish Festival

Fri., June 5-Sun., June 7
See details inside.



Vacation Bible School

SonSparks Labs
Mon., June 22-Thurs., June 25,
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

St. Paul Community Dinner

a St.MM Volunteer Event
Tues., Jun. 30 at St. Paul Church
Dinner prep begins at 4:30 PM;
Dinner served 5:30-6:30 PM;
Clean-up done by 7:30 PM

Do you have news or suggestions you would like to share in the next edition?

Email Angela McArthur
(angela.mcarthur@live.com).
Photos and content are both accepted.

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