



SAINT
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OF SCOTLAND PARISH

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2020 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

Dear Parishioners,

This Guidebook for St. Margaret of Scotland was prepared while in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our world and our Church have been impacted by this in ways that, I believe, will alter significantly not only our socio-economic patterns but also how we worship and see ourselves as believers in Jesus Christ.

So many of the ministries and organizations you find listed in this book describe the myriad ways we relate to one another as a community; and yet each of them is challenged to fulfill their mission because of necessary health protocols like social distancing and limits to public gatherings. Certainly, the resources of telephone numbers and email addresses can be of help to begin making a connection with another person in the parish.

Living in the 11th century, St. Margaret herself was beset by the obstacles of distance and being away from others whom she loved. Residing as queen in Scotland, she had family in England and some exiled in Hungary. She didn't have the resources of telephone, email, Facetime or Zoom to stay connected! Let's not fail to use what we have to help build up our parish community while so many of us are "alone together." It is my hope that the faith we share in Jesus Christ and the abiding power of the Holy Spirit will serve as the glue to our community in this time when our patience and endurance are stretched.

In service to Christ and you,



Father Matthew O'Toole
Pastor

SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

2020 - 2021

Vision

A church community where parishioners take ownership of its mission and viability and everyone is engaged and active.

Mission

St. Margaret of Scotland is a diverse urban Catholic parish. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and the example of our patroness, we are called to be a vibrant voice and beacon of the Catholic faith in our neighborhoods.

We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action by:

- Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic community,
- Educating children and adults to live a full Christian life in today's world,
- Serving others with unconditional generosity, and
- Living just lives and working for a more just society.

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SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Weekday 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and
..... Friday 8:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy during school year
Holy Days As published in Sunday bulletin
National Holidays 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday afternoon from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. and by appointment
(call 314-776-0363).

BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory for information and to make preparation
arrangements.

MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at
least eight months before their intended date and before any
reservations/deposits are made.

COMMUNION CALLS:

Please call the rectory to request Holy Communion if someone
is ill or homebound and as a result is unable to attend Mass.

HOSPITAL VISITS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the rectory if you or a family member is hospitalized or, if you desire, Anointing of the Sick.

TRANSPORTATION:

Need a ride to the Saturday 4:30 p.m. or Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass? Call Parish Office - 314-776-0363, ext. 1000.

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(As the Guide and Directory goes to print, officers for the coming year have not been elected. If you need to contact the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@stmargaretstl.org)

ELECTRONIC GIVING

There are many ways of giving to support St. Margaret of Scotland and fulfilling God's call to be good stewards. An increasing number of parishioners are choosing electronic giving for their financial contributions to the parish, through a service called WeShare. Secure convenient, eco-friendly payments can be set-up and controlled by each donor at <https://stmargaretstl.weshareonline.org>. If you need assistance or have questions regarding WeShare, please contact: Carmela Garza/314-776-0363/cgarza@stmargaretstl.org.

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ALCOHOL POLICY

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish will adhere to the alcohol consumption guidelines for parish events set forth by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Those guidelines are clear that there is to be no alcohol possessed or consumed at activities designed for or directed at children. Archdiocesan guidelines also remind all adults that alcohol consumption at adult events is to be prudent and done in such a manner as to reflect our Christian responsibility to ourselves, our community, and to set a good example for our youth.

Activities designed for or directed at children are events and activities which would not occur if not for the presence of children. Some examples of those include: PTA parent-child dances, CYC athletic competitions, and cultural arts performances by children. There should be no alcohol consumed at these types of events (examples not meant to be exhaustive).

Some examples of activities not designed for or directed at children would include: the school auction, the Feast Day Fair on Flad, the annual parish picnic, and the back-to-school BBQ. Alcohol consumption is permissible at these activities when consumed in a prudent manner by those taking responsibility for themselves, their community, and for setting a good example for our children.

Each organization seeking to hold an event in any parish facility is obligated to follow these guidelines. Organizations wishing to allow individuals to bring alcohol to an event or providing alcohol at an event not clear from the above, must seek approval from the pastor prior to the event. A request of the pastor must be made sufficiently in advance of an event to allow the pastor to evaluate the request, consult with those he may need to and make a decision.

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish does not sell or allow alcohol at activities for or directed to children. Please help us follow this policy.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

St. Margaret of Scotland is in full compliance with the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) policy with regards to protecting all of God's children.

The following are the Archdiocesan guidelines for all persons interacting with children involved in St. Margaret of Scotland activities.

Requirements of the Safe Environment Program

A. All Employees and Volunteers who have contact with minors must register at <https://www.preventandprotectstl.org> to complete the following:

1. Attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop.
2. Complete a Criminal Records background check.
3. Commit to the Code of Ethical Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Volunteers working with Minors in the Archdiocese.

Contact Information: Carmela Garza at 314-776-0363 ext. 1000 or cgarza@stmargaretstl.org.

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Worship Commission

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- Parent-Teacher Association Welcoming/Mentors
- Parent-Teacher Association Parent-Child Dance
- Parent-Teacher Association Trivia Night - Committee/Worker
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- Youth Chorus
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- Boy Scouts
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- Living Justice Ministry
- Sunday Coffee and Donuts
- Athletic Association
- Feast Day Committee
- Alumni Association Committee

Administration Commission

- Finance Committee
- Stewardship
- Mail and Office Volunteers
- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Church & Rectory: Grounds & Gardening
- SHOPS: Shopping Helps Our Parish and School
- Dragon’s Grove Garden

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Lectors

Lectors help to reveal the voice of God to the parish family by presenting the Word in a reverent way that helps strengthen the relationship between the worshippers and God as Scripture. Two Lectors are utilized at each Mass to present the two readings.

Our Goal as ministers of the Word at St. Margaret of Scotland is to effectively spread the word of God through prayer, study, and practice, heightening and deepening the faith of the congregation in their encounter with the Word of God.

Ideally, Lectors will prepare their readings at least a week in advance by reading the scripture several times, reflecting on the meaning of all three readings for the day, and considering the themes present in the Scripture for that particular Mass. Lectors are encouraged to thoughtfully consider other source material for their reading to ensure they are faithful to the retelling of the message of God.

Contact: Pat Bittick/smoslector@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Ministers are the Liturgical Ministers who assist the priest in sharing the consecrated bread and wine at Holy Communion, typically as part of Mass. Eucharistic Ministers might also bring the Eucharist to the homebound or others unable to attend Mass.

The priest presiding over the liturgy of the Mass is the ordinary minister of Holy Communion. The lay persons who are serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are “extra” ordinary, in that they are in addition to the priest or, in some instances, acting in his place.

Contact: Kristen Wimbley/314-420-8277/ritterk@hotmail.com

Altar Servers

Altar Servers, the Liturgical Ministers who assist our celebrants at St. Margaret of Scotland, are a very important part of Mass, helping each liturgy flow smoothly to ensure a more reverent worship experience for our parish community.

The duties of an Altar Server are varied, but their primary responsibility is to assist the Priest during our weekly Eucharistic Liturgies (Sunday Mass). Altar Servers may also assist during weddings, funerals, and other special Liturgies.

Altar Servers go through a training program to learn about their role and to gain a deeper knowledge of the Eucharist and Mass.

Contact: Angie Reitenbach/314-771-0870

Greeters

This ministry may well be one of the most important duties of our parish family. These ministers are often the first face of our community to those who come to our services for the first time. Their job is to be the welcoming, inviting face for all of us, a face that says “We are so glad you are here.”

Ministers usually serve at one liturgy approximately every three months, so it is not a burden of time for anyone. Also, families are more than welcome to share in this ministry – not many volunteer opportunities like that!

Contact: Terri Merideth/314-307-7313/tmerideth@mac.com

Parish Choir

Music is an integral part of liturgical celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith.

We encourage the full involvement of all in our sung prayer and strive to utilize the special musical gifts and talents of our parish community to achieve the most beautiful, meaningful liturgy possible.

The Parish Choir normally sings at Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass and special feasts and events throughout the year. Choir practice is held from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings (most weeks, September through May). Open to singers of varied levels and ability and experience who can make this commitment.

Contact: Peter Hesed/314-776-2255/phesed@stmargaretstl.org,
Terri Merideth/314-771-0082, Stephen Neale/314-330-0533.

Resurrection Choir

Organized from members of the Choir and other parishioners who are available to sing at the funeral Masses of parishioners.

Contact: Peter Hesed/314-776-2255/phesed@stmargaretstl.org

Cantor

Cantors lead and animate the singing of the assembly at Masses (Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m.). Open to gifted singers.

Contact: Peter Hesed/314-776-2255/phesed@stmargaretstl.org

Instrumentalist

Instrumentalists accompany liturgical singing on the piano, organ or guitar; or as part of a liturgical instrumental ensemble. Advanced players on any keyboard, string, brass, woodwind or percussion instrument are welcome to offer their talents.

Contact: Peter Hesed/314-776-2255/phesed@stmargaretstl.org

Handbell Choir

This Choir enhances and embellishes worship at special feasts.

Contact: Peter Hesed/314-776-2255/phesed@stmargaretstl.org

Liturgical Art & Environment

Liturgical Art and Environment volunteers adapt our beautiful worship space at St. Margaret of Scotland with the changing seasons and feasts over the course of the year.

This Ministry ensures that the plants, decorations, and accoutrements of the Church are appropriate and tastefully presented for our weekly celebration of the Eucharist, our special feasts and parish celebrations.

Contact: Boni Lang/314-583-1445
Carmela Garza/314-517-8311

Sacristans

Sacristans are the Liturgical Ministers who assist with preparations for Mass and other celebrations at Church. These preparations take place in the Sacristy, from which this ministry gets its name.

Most frequently, our Sacristans help prepare for our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. They also assist in preparations for other liturgical or sacramental rites, like the Sacrament of Baptism during or after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

For daily Mass, 6:30 a.m., from Monday thru Friday, a weekly schedule is set, monthly, for a sacristan to unlock and close the church, prepare for Mass and to clean up following Mass.

Contact: Tom Purcell/314-776-4940 (for Daily Mass and Saturday, 4:30 p.m.)
Bob and Bernie Buscher/314-771-1413 (for Sunday, 8:00 a.m.)
Bob Waeltermann/314-974-7067 (for Sunday, 10:00 a.m.)

Ushers

Ushers provide assistance at all weekend Eucharistic Liturgies (Mass) where the Offertory Collection will be taken up from the congregation. Additional responsibilities are performed at the request of the Pastor or other Celebrant.

Contact: Craig Rebholz/314-773-3416

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is held weekly at St. Margaret of Scotland outside of Mass on Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Church chapel. Eucharistic exposition is an ancient practice of the Church. Its purpose is to draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist. Volunteers are always welcome. Please consider offering a half of an hour or a hour of your time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Contact: Parish Office/314-776-0363



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CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION

Adult Faith Formation - Planner/Committee

Adult Faith Formation includes an annual parish-wide retreat, seasonal spiritual practices and occasional events (e.g. Lent and Advent), a guest-speaker and discussion series, and focused peer-to-peer formation in preparation for sacraments (Baptism and Marriage). Particular interest groups also meet to provide fellowship and formation opportunities, including the Young Professionals, the Young Families Playgroups, etc. Volunteers are needed to help plan and facilitate these formation activities.

Contact: Ruth Pera/314-776-0363 ext.1002/ffc@stmargaretstl.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is the process through which adults become full members of the Catholic Church.

The path to full membership is a formation process that culminates in the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Our Invitation: Together with a team of parishioners, the RCIA group embarks on a journey of faith and conversion to explore the beliefs, life, liturgy and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

RCIA is primarily designed for those who are seeking Baptism. However the formation process is adaptable to baptized Christians from other denominations, and to baptized Catholics who wish to complete their full initiation in the Catholic Church.

Even the fully initiated Catholic who wishes to refresh and invigorate her/his faith life through a mature and comprehensive process is invited to join the journey.

At St. Margaret of Scotland, we try to create a practical, accessible process, adaptable to many individual needs through which people can come to know the Catholic Faith and discern their desire to embrace it.

Adults who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith will meet each week with a team of parishioners and parish leaders to learn, discuss, pray, and journey towards a decision about joining the Catholic Church.

The process continues throughout the year. We look forward to meeting new seekers who wish to journey forth on this most important search.

If you are an adult who wishes to learn more about the Catholic Faith, you may contact the RCIA Coordinator to learn more about the process.

Contact: Peter Hased/314-776-2255/phased@stmargaretstl.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechist or Helper

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) provides our children, from kindergarten through 4th grade, with weekly religious education during our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses from September through May.

Children who wish to participate simply come to the front of Church when Father invites them forward before the Liturgy of the Word. The Teacher(s) and assistants help the children down to the Church Hall for CLW.

The children's experience of CLW is centered on the Gospel for the day or one of the weekly readings. Their instruction includes listening to the Gospel which is read aloud and participating in an activity period where interactive questions are asked and answered, games are played or an associated learning activity is provided.

Our goal is to introduce children to the life of Jesus through the Gospel stories at a level that is suitable for their understanding.

During the coming year, we hope to increase our number of adult volunteer instructors; reach as many kindergarten through 4th grade students as possible; and continue to provide meaningful Gospel instruction.

Contact: Rick Blaes/314-771-9373

Parish School of Religion Liaison

The South City Deanery Parish School of Religion (PSR) provides Catholic catechesis and sacramental preparation for children pre-kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a full-time Catholic school. The PSR program ensures that all Catholic families whose children are in public schools have the opportunity to learn their faith and receive the sacraments.

Parents enrolling their children in the PSR program must have a completed pastor permission form which can be acquired from the parish office.

This year we are offering a program for high school students who have not been confirmed. We will continue to offer this program in the future if we find that there is a need. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Religion classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:20 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. in the Newport Building at St. John the Baptist parish complex located at 4200 Delor Street. There is a tuition fee.

Contact: Ruth Pera/314-776-0363 ext.1002/ffc@stmargaretstl.org

School Board

The School Board of the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School works to advise and assist the principal and the pastor regarding policies and budget.

The school board also works with the pastor on the appointment of the principal for the school.

Membership consists of nine people, and two-thirds of the members must be registered members of the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish. The selection of members for the school board occurs each spring.

Ex-officio members of the school board include the pastor, principal, and president of the St. Margaret of Scotland Parent Teacher Association. The board meets monthly, except in July.

The School Board works to foster an environment consistent with the mission of the school. St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School is a diverse, urban, vibrant and inclusive Catholic community, committed to providing an outstanding learning environment for children, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, in which students are challenged to meet their academic potential and recognize their giftedness in body, mind and spirit.

Our students embody the example of our patron saint by becoming responsible leaders and caretakers of our community through works of service and social justice.

Contact: Mary Lisa Penilla/mlpenilla7@gmail.com

School Board Auction Committee

In the spring of alternating years, the SMOS School Board hosts an Auction. The proceeds support the operating budget of the school.

Contact: Sherry LeBlanc/314-240-1175 or Mary Ann Williams/314-406-0881

School Board Spring Picnic/Festival/Raffle

Each spring a committee recruited by the School Board and PTA organizes the School Picnic and Parish Spring Festival celebrating the Catholic community of St. Margaret of Scotland. Included in this event is the annual Dragon Raffle. Each school family is required to sell at least \$100 in Dragon Raffle tickets.

Contact: Ebony Ingram/pta@stmargaretstl.org

School Board Grant Research/Writing

Volunteers with experience in grant research in writing in support of the educational programs at St. Margaret's are always needed.

Contact: Clare Young/cyoung@stmargaretstl.org

Parent Teacher Association

The PTA includes all parents and guardians of all students of the school, as well as all members of the faculty, staff and clergy. The PTA Board consists of parents and staff who regularly meet to work together to encourage communication, collaboration, and community within St. Margaret of Scotland School.



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What We Do

We organize and run events throughout the year to foster community involvement, as well as to support the teachers and students. We work to understand the needs of the students and faculty, and structure plans each year to best meet those needs. Additionally, we hold several fundraisers each year to raise money to help make capital improvements, and to improve the quality of the educational experience for the students and faculty.

The PTA offers a variety of events and services each year. Some examples include: creating a handbook for school families containing information about all SMOS activities and organizations, hosting a Mentors program for new families, providing treats for the teachers throughout the year, providing the funds to cover the cost of one bus rental per grade each year for a field trip, providing a materials donation to each teacher, and hosting an annual Trivia Night and an annual Parent/Child Dance.

Who We Are

The PTA Board consists of members of the St. Margaret community who have committed to a minimum 2-year term. The PTA meets once a month to review past events, upcoming events and a round table discussion of how our organization is doing and what we can do better. Board meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the school cafeteria. All meetings are open.

How to get involved

All PTA committees are open and welcome to new members. Participation can be as little or as big a commitment as is desired. The PTA committees are as follows:

1. Outreach and Communication
2. Welcoming/Mentors
3. Parent-Child Dance
4. Trivia Night
5. Pizza Day
6. Maggie's Closet
7. Facilities
8. Special Projects
9. Inclusive Education
10. Bakers
11. Art@SMOS
12. Play Space

Contact: pta@smos-school.org

Respect Life Committee

The Respect Life Committee promotes the Catholic Church's Magisterial teachings on respect for and legal protection of innocent human life from conception to natural death by practicing prayer, enabling educational programs, promoting Archdiocesan approved programs and advocating in the public arena. We also address the issue of religious liberty in regards to governmental intrusion into our religious rights.

We meet the third Sunday of every month in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Scott Wilson/314-832-0722/artatk@sbcglobal.net

SERVICE AND SOCIAL COMMISSION

St. Vincent de Paul Society

For more than a century, the St. Margaret of Scotland ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has provided physical and spiritual assistance to our less fortunate neighbors within our parish boundaries. The foundation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is simple. We are a group of lay Catholic volunteers from all walks of life, helping those in need with the basic necessities - food, clothing, shelter, utility assistance, transportation and emotional comfort.

We follow the Vincentian model of person-to-person contact so that we know the individual needs of those we serve. No work of charity is foreign to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so we work diligently to find new ways to meet the needs of our neighbors. Donations are used and distributed within our parish boundaries. The Conference meets on the 1st Sunday of the month in the Canmore Room on the lower level of the rectory from 8:50 AM until 9:50 AM. This allows members to attend the 10 AM Eucharistic celebration if they so choose or to come to the meeting following the 8 AM Mass. Additionally, throughout the year, special meetings are held to discuss future plans or activities and members are invited to participate.

Contact: Jim Relleke/314-577-1386/rellekej@yahoo.com

SVdP – Membership Drive

We are always looking for new members to join our Society. You might be able to join us by being an Associate Member which asks you to be aware of what's happening in the parish and joining in the work of the Conference whenever possible or by being a Full Member by attending meetings and joining in the work of the Conference. Whatever your affiliation with the Conference, know that we are proud of the work that you do. The average age of our members is in the 65-70 age range and our major thrust is to attract younger members through whatever means are available. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your parish and God's people.

SVdP – Client Hotline

Our Hotline volunteers talk by phone with clients to assess their needs and circumstances. Volunteers generally work a three-hour shift weekly between 9:00 a.m. and Noon, Monday through Thursday.

SVdP – Home Visits

We have Home Visiting Teams who visit a client or Neighbor in their home to bring personal hygiene items and other assistance to the Neighbor and provides a message of hope and love from our parish. Home Visits require a commitment of one hour every other week at a day and time that is convenient to you and your partner.

SVdP – Pantry Program

Our pantry program is an excellent opportunity for family participation. Our Home Visitors take gifts of personal hygiene items to our Neighbors when they visit. Volunteers spend time, as needed, shopping for items to replenish stock and pack baskets and/or bags that can be delivered to our Neighbors.

SVdP – Cooking Meals

When the need arises and on special occasions, members of the Conference come together and prepare food items (mainly casseroles and/or pizzas) for various activities sponsored by the Conference. Often these casseroles and other food items are frozen and distributed at particular times of the year or for special event. This is an activity determined by need.

SVdP – Winter Outreach

This is a major fundraiser of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Margaret of Scotland parish. The Conference determines the needs of our Neighbors during this time of year and appeal to the parish in helping to meet those needs. Often seen as the “Giving Tree” this program seeks to raise money to help meet the needs of our clients. All monies raised during this time frame is distributed to our Neighbors so that their Winter doldrums may be lifted up to God and their earthly concerns may be lessened during the Winter Season.

SVDP – Fundraising

The Conference of St. Margaret of Scotland is funded by the generosity of the parish members and through donations and memorials throughout the year. Donations are made by using the Quarterly envelope for SVdP or by using WeShare on the parish website or by donating directly through the USPS by sending a check to SVdP, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, 3854 Flad Avenue, St. Louis MO 63110 and centers around a FUND THE NEED appeal.

Parish – Mass Transportation Service

Volunteers provide transportation to those that are in need of a ride to Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. Volunteers will pick up and transport individuals from their home to/from Mass.

Contact: Parish Office/314-776-0363/parishoffice@stmargaretstl.org

Ladies Auxiliary Membership

The Ladies' Auxiliary organization provides an opportunity for the women of St. Margaret of Scotland Church and School to socialize and attend informational presentations in order to support the parish and school through service and funding. The Auxiliary provides and serves funeral lunches for the families and friends of deceased parishioners.

Our organization has monthly evening meetings followed by time for socializing. We have two potluck dinners each year, in September and May. In December, we have a Christmas party and dinner at a local restaurant and invite the school and parish staff to attend. All women are invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary!

Contacts: Carmela Garza/314-517-8311/cgmexfriend@gmail.com

Youth Chorus

Youth Chorus provides an opportunity for all children of our parish (Grades 4-5) to share their gift of song in a variety of venues (service, religious and social events). Chorus meets weekly on Tuesdays at St. Margaret of Scotland School from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The chorus also sing at a number of liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

Contact: Linsey Calza/314-776-7837/linsey-boczek@gmail.com

Cub Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the 1st through 5th grades.

Contact: Ken Lederle/314-352-3520/klederle@live.com

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts provide a program that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for boys and young men (6th through 12th grades) through a variety of activities.

Contact: Bob Malon/314-773-8858/ anthorobert@hotmail.com

Girl Scouts

St. Margaret of Scotland Girl Scouts serves girls from Kindergarten through adult. The Girl Scout troops - Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadette - provide opportunities for scouts to learn and grow through service projects, badge work, camping, and council activities.

Our mission as realized through our activities is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character - girls who ultimately work to make the world a better place. In Girl Scouting, girls discover fun, friendship, and the power of girls working together. Through field trips, service projects, troop activities, camping, and fundraising. Girls develop leadership, understanding, respect, and values which help them grow into being successful women.

Contact: Kim Ackerman/314-776-3570/kimackerman05@gmail.com

Living Justice Ministry

The Living Justice Ministry, in keeping with the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish mission, is dedicated to imbuing the parish – individuals and organizations – with an awareness of what it means to live just lives and to encourage each – personally and collectively – to work towards a more just society to benefit the parish, our city and the greater community. Opportunities for engagement include speakers, workshops and other events; online engagement through Facebook and blogging; ecumenical activities with neighboring faith communities; calls for action on advocacy and legislative issues; and organized opportunities for direct volunteer service work. We partner with local and national organizations such as Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU), Winter Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, and Bread for the World.

We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month in the Canmore Room.

Contact: livingjusticesmos@gmail.com

Sunday Donut Pick-Up; Sunday Coffee Preparers; Sunday Donut Clean-Up

The Sunday Donut group organizes donut and coffee refreshments weekly after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses.

Contact: Mary Brake/314-776-5311

Athletic Association Board Member; Coach/Manager

The St. Margaret of Scotland Athletic Association fosters sound athletics through programs that promote athletic growth, good sportsmanship, self-discipline, and leadership skills.

Organized through the Catholic Youth Council (CYC), our youth athletics serve the needs of every boy and girl, regardless of ability, religious affiliation or ethnic background. We proclaim our faith in word and actions by helping our children build character, learn teamwork and the skills necessary for individual achievements.

The Athletic Association coordinates all athletic programs offered through the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and is composed of parents, parishioners, and friends with a shared interest in bringing the community together through team building and athletics.

Contact: Brian Overberg/636-346-6519/smosaa.president@gmail.com

Feast Day Committee

On the weekend nearest the feast of Saint Margaret of Scotland, the parish celebrates an evening of activities for parishioners and friends with a festive street fair atmosphere. Volunteers are always needed to help in all aspects of planning this event. Different ministries in the parish and school help the Parish Council organize this event.

Contact: Parish Council Chair

Alumni Association Committee

This committee helps school alum organize reunions and other events.

Contact: Terri Merideth/314-307-7313/tmerideth@mac.com

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee advises and assists the pastor in the administration and stewardship of the parish's financial resources and assets, assists in the development of annual budgets for parish and school, monitors monthly performance, reports to parishioners on parish financial status and all other financial issues. Membership consists of 8 to 12 parishioners. Members are appointed by the pastor and includes a member of the school board who is also a parishioner and recommended by the school board president.

Contact: Patty Hendrickson/314-773-8472/pattyhendrickson@swbell.net

Stewardship

The Mission of the St. Margaret of Scotland Stewardship is intended to expand the Parish Mission Statement by providing pathways for all parishioners to recognize the needs of the parish and to respond justly by using their time, talent and treasure in meeting the spiritual and financial goals of the parish and ultimately the building up of the Kingdom.

The St. Margaret of Scotland Stewardship works to encourage the full participation of all parishioners in returning to God their thanks for the gifts given to them by God. The Stewardship ministry is concerned with all gifts: time, talent and financial resources. We operate with the understanding that everything we have are gifts from God –on loan- and are to be returned by active participation in God's church and world.

An annual parish Thank You celebration is held in the Fall of the year to thank all volunteers who have donated their time and talent throughout the year. In preparation for this annual event, recommendations are made to the Pastor, in selecting the Volunteer of the Year. Invitations to this gathering are sent in response to the listing of membership received from the various organizations and ministries of the parish.

Contact: Parish Council Chair

Mailing and Office Volunteers

Volunteers help the parish maintain good communications with the community and members of the parish. Many hands make light work for preparing mailings and stuffing special flyers and announcements into the weekly bulletin. Volunteers are also needed occasionally to serve as fill-in receptionists in the Parish Office, answering phones and doors and helping with light office tasks. Please call the office if you are interested in serving in this capacity!

Contact: Carmela Garza/314-776-0363/cgarza@stmargaretstl.org

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) campaign provides funds that bring assistance to an array of ministries in our metropolitan area and serves the needs of Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

We join together to make possible the Church's mission of evangelization, education and the many ministries of charity.

St. Margaret of Scotland benefits greatly from the ACA. In addition to the tuition assistance we were able to extend to school families, the ACA through its Viability Grant program has awarded substantial grants for capital improvement projects at the church, rectory and school.

Other ways ACA helps the community include helping families with financial difficulties, regardless of their religion; offering parishioners counseling from Catholic Family Services; marriage preparation for engaged couples through Laity and Family Life; help for the homeless and the hungry; assisting the next generation of priests while caring for those who are retired.

Contact: Parish Office/314-776-0363/parishoffice@stmargaretstl.org

Church & Rectory – Grounds & Gardening

This group of volunteers maintains the gardens and grounds of the church and rectory and could always use an extra green thumb.

Contact: Steve Self/636-751-1412/steveself57@yahoo.com.

ShopWithScrip

Welcome to the SHOPS program! (Shopping Helps Our Parish and School) Shops is a gift card fundraiser. By purchasing gift cards for stores/services you already frequent, SMOS receives a % rebate based on the dollar amount purchased. There are a couple of ways to utilize this easy fundraising program:

1. Download and create an account on the **RaiseRight app** using the enrollment code below. You can browse, purchase, and save digital gift cards to your "wallet" in the app. When you're ready to use, simply pull up the gift card and have the cashier scan the barcode. If shopping online, just type in the access code when you're ready to checkout. No waiting for physical cards, no in-person contact needed.
2. For a web-based option, go to ShopWithScrip.com and create an account using the enrollment code below. You can purchase digital gift cards as above, and you can also send eGift cards as emailed gifts! If you prefer physical gift cards, enter the requested cards, and the SHOPS coordinator will verify payment and submit the order. All physical cards will be shipped to the school office and can be sent home with students or picked up from school.

Enrollment code: L8CD1C356786

Secure payment options: Link a bank account (\$.15 transaction fee applies)

Link a credit card (2.6% transaction fee applies)

Pay by check (payment verified before order is submitted)

Contact: Angela Faul, SMOS SHOPS coordinator, SHOPS@stmargaretstl.org

Dragon's Grove Garden

The Dragon's Grove is the St. Margaret of Scotland School and Community garden, located on Shaw and Lawrence Avenues.

Dragon's Grove is an outdoor classroom dedicated to furthering the mission and values of the parish through hands-on learning experiences and service opportunities.

Dedicated in 2009, Dragon's Grove currently includes 18 raised beds, multiple fruit trees, benches, and a center patio. Each class has a bed and spends time working in the garden and learning about topics that span the curriculum.

Dragon's Grove allows people of all ages to explore the natural world while fostering a sense of pride and shared purpose. Parishioners' involvement in Dragon's Grove fosters a sense of stewardship toward the garden space, the community and the environment.

Contact: Sam Stahl sstahl@stmargaretstl.org