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Mass Schedule

Daily: Saint Margaret Chapel Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Chapel is open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

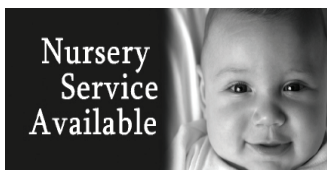
Weekend: Saint Margaret Church
Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission
Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church
Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions January 18 - January 26, 2014

Saturday	4:00 pm	Paul Manager
	5:30 pm	Special intention for parishioners
Sunday	7:30 am	Michael Guercio
	9:00 am	Clayton Willey
	10:30 am	Leslie J. Moran
	12:00 pm	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	9:30 am	Robert Mehr
	11:00 am	Jack Levee
Monday	6:30 am	No Mass or service (Martin Luther King Day)
	8:30 am	Patricia Kroeger
Tuesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Gerald Carpenter
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Michael Leary
Thursday	6:30 am	Souls of the family of Thomas D. Noeth. Sr.
	8:30 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
Friday	6:30 am	Michael Juhasz
	8:30 am	James Schmminger
Saturday	8:30 am	Alfie Lambe
	4:00 pm	John F. Fleckenstein
	5:30 pm	Paul Shall
Sunday	7:30 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	9:00 am	Robert Keller
	10:30 am	Virginia Anderson
	12:00 pm	Margaret McCubbin
	9:30 am Mission	Rudolph Nechay
	11:00 am Mission	Special intention for parishioners

The Parish Office hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



For children up to 3 years of age, nursery service is available in the Preschool building (next to the church) during the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses and during the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays. This service is available at Saint Mary Magdalen during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses. Trained staff will care for your children while you attend Mass. This is a free service.

Readings for January 19, 2014

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
Key Passage: Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (Matthew 4:23)
Adult: To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?
Child: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

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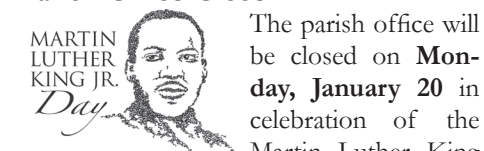
Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of January 19, 2014 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

Breaking News

Parish Office Closed



The parish office will be closed on **Monday, January 20** in celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday. There will be no 6:30 am Mass or service. The 8:30 Mass will be held as usual in the chapel.

Please see our reflection on Martin Luther King's message in our Outreach column of today's bulletin on page 3.

"A Church For All: Pope Francis" Topic of Faith Forum with Fr. Mike

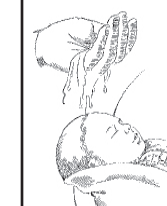
Sunday, January 26, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Adult Education Center.



This Faith Forum with our pastor, Msgr. G. Michael Schlepner, will focus on the Catholic Church under the leadership of Pope Francis and will include an opportunity to freely ask questions pertaining to our Catholic faith. For additional information, please contact Marie Dekowski 410-879-2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org.

Welcome

Jayce Richard Koluch



who was baptized last weekend into the Saint Margaret parish community. May he continue to receive God's blessings and grace.

Please Join Us! Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Friday, January 31 or Saturday, February 1
Callahan Center at Saint Mary Magdalen
Gathering at 6:30 pm followed by dinner



A Special Thank You!

Volunteers are involved in more than 100 active ministries listed in our Directory of Ministries.

Perhaps you volunteer as a Faith Formation teacher or do lunch duty in the school. Maybe you make rosaries for the Detention Center, or cards to send to people who are homebound, or perhaps you proclaim the Word at Mass or help as a Eucharistic Minister.

Maybe you bake a casserole every month for Our Daily Bread or supply snacks or sandwiches for the JAM ministry or the Welcome One Shelter.

Maybe you serve on one of the many committees that support the daily work of the parish and school.

Perhaps you pray for others through the Prayer Tree ministry or help decorate the church and Callahan Center for Masses. These are just a few of the ways volunteers help our parish and others in our community.

However you help, we hope you know that you make a difference in the life of this parish and in the lives of so many in our community! It is only because of your caring and sharing that the parish is able to do so much.

We are so very grateful for your presence in the parish and for all you do!
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RSVP by Friday, January 24 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
Please return this form to the parish office, call 410-838-6969 or e-mail [karensaccenti@gmail.com](mailto:karensaccenti@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ I/We will attend \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, January 31 OR  
\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 1

### Contribution Tax Statements

All contributions are credited the week they are received. The 2013 contribution statements for Saint Margaret Parish will be available and mailed by January 31, 2014.



### Training for Eucharistic Ministers

A training session for those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Saint Margaret Church or Saint Mary Magdalen Mission will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church. We are in particular need of ministers who might want to serve at the 10:30 am or 12:00 pm Masses. If you plan to attend, or if you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Silvestri, [axsilvestri@verizon.net](mailto:axsilvestri@verizon.net) or 410-838-6261.

### Altar Server Training



Altar Server training for any student in 4th grade and above is now being scheduled. It is going to be a little different this time around. There are going to be 6 training sessions with 3 slots each, which means 3 children will be able to be trained each session. Each child will need to attend only one session. Contact Maureen Yantz at [mmyantz@gmail.com](mailto:mmyantz@gmail.com) with questions. Go to the following link to sign up: [tinyurl.com/lafo6sc](http://tinyurl.com/lafo6sc)

### Inclement Weather Policy 2013-2014



If Harford County Schools are **closed or delayed** due to snow, ice or inclement weather Monday-Friday, **6:30 am Mass is cancelled.**

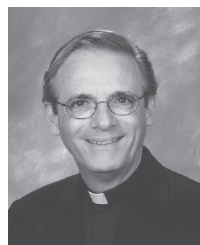
We will celebrate the 8:30 am Mass. Check the parish website for updated information.

Also, if schools are closed due to snow, ice, or inclement weather, **ALL** parish meetings, functions and classes are **cancelled** that day and evening.

If there is snow or ice, or the prediction of snow or ice, during Adoration time on Tuesdays, **Adoration** will be suspended for that day.

This policy is now in effect to ensure the safety of parishioners and to allow for the proper cleaning of snow and ice from lots.

### From Father Mike



Dear Friends,  
**This is my January column on the Mass.** Recently I have been reflecting on the Liturgy of the Word – the use

of the ambo (pulpit), the overall structure of the entire Liturgy of the Word, the selection of the Readings, and then a specific focus on the first two Readings and the Responsorial Psalm. Today I am looking at the Gospel.

**The first thing to keep in mind is that the Gospel is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. The ritual sets this off from the other Readings with some special marks of respect.**

**The Gospel Acclamation.** The Alleluia (or during Lent another acclamation) is a sung prayer. *Alleluia* is a Hebrew word which means **Praise God or Praise the Lord.** This appears often in the Psalms of the Old Testament as well as in the Book of Revelation of the New Testament. There it serves as the refrain of a hymn sung in honor of the Lamb, the risen Christ. So, the singing of the Alleluia is both an expression of joy and a greeting to the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel.

**Standing.** We stand for the singing of the Gospel Acclamation and the reading of the Gospel. This expresses our respect for Christ who is especially present to us in this reading. The word *Gospel* literally means **Good News** – so the **Good News of Jesus Christ.** Our standing demonstrates that this is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word and of all of God's revelation to us.

**Deacon or Priest.** The ritual specifies that an ordained deacon or priest is to read the Gospel. This again highlights its distinction and importance.

**A Blessing.** The deacon asks the priest for a blessing before reading the Gospel. He says: *"Your blessing, Father."* The priest responds: *"May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily and well, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* If there is no deacon at the Mass, the priest prays a very similar prayer by himself. This blessing or prayer again sets apart or elevates the reading of the Gospel. By the way, there are several times like this one during the Mass when the priest or deacon says prayers in a low voice. These extra, quiet, almost inaudible prayers are to center their minds on the meaning of what they are doing or about to do.

**The Book of the Gospels.** The first two Readings are proclaimed from the Lectionary. The Gospel for each Sunday is contained in a different book called the Book of the Gospels. This is usually carried in procession at the beginning of Mass and placed on the altar until the deacon or priest elevates it and carries it to the ambo for the reading.

**I will conclude my reflections on the Gospel in a February column.** This series of columns began in June and this is the eighth monthly column on the Mass. You may read the prior columns by going to the parish website at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org), click on the Information tab and then Bulletins. These columns will be on that page. May the Lord's peace be with you and your loved ones!

*Father Mike*

### Not feeling your best? As A Courtesy To Others...

Please remember that germs are easily passed by hand contact or through a shared cup. If you have a cough or cold or any other communicable disease, please refrain from drinking from the chalice or shaking hands with others. A simple bow or nod at the greeting of peace will acknowledge another person very nicely.

**Lost and Found ~** A number of parishioners have lost items on the Saint Margaret campus. One in particular is a small gold pinky ring with much sentimental value, which was lost between the church and the school parking lot. If you find any lost items please bring them to the parish office or give them to an usher at Mass.

### Community Notes

#### Saint Margaret School HSA Bingo

**Friday, January 24.** Doors open at 6:00 pm and games will be at 7:00 pm. Individual tickets are \$20 each. You do not have to purchase a whole table. Grab some friends and come out for a fun night. Prizes include: Coach purses, fabulous Pandora beads and bracelets, a Vineyard Vines tie, a Vera Bradley "spinner" luggage piece, a Keurig machine, a 7 night stay in St. Lucia and many more exciting items. Get your ticket order in today!! For tickets call the school office at 410-879-1113.



#### TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Do you need to lose those extra pounds gained during the holidays? TOPS meets **every Thursday** from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Adult Education Center on the Saint Margaret campus. Membership is \$28 a year with \$5 monthly dues. Call Carole at 443-567-6337.

#### Second Annual Retro Dance

Sponsored by Welcome One Emergency Homeless Shelter and The Havens of Hope Housing Program. **Saturday, March 29** from 6:00 - 11:00 pm at the Callahan Center at Saint Mary Magdalen. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Hot and cold buffet, cash bar available. For more information contact Marie Dekowski at 410-838-6969, ext. 126 or [mdekowski@stmargaret.org](mailto:mdekowski@stmargaret.org).

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# Parish Notes . . .



## Health Ministry

If you are a health professional, it's not too late to make a resolution to share your compassion and knowledge with our parish members by joining the Health Ministry Team. Our next monthly meeting is **Wednesday, January 22** at 6:30 pm in the parish office. For more information, send an email to [saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org](mailto:saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org). We hope you'll consider joining us!

## Project Rosary

Our next gathering will take place on **Friday, January 24** at 1:30 pm in the parish office conference room. All ages are invited to come make rosaries for missionaries in Belize. Novices are welcome!

## March For Life

The March is THIS week! We have just a few seats left on the bus. If you can join us, please contact Kathy Sangmeister at [Kathysang@aol.com](mailto:Kathysang@aol.com) to reserve a seat. The cost is \$10. We leave the Mission at 9:00 am and return at 7:00 pm.



## Altar Flowers

You may offer flowers to celebrate a special occasion such as baptism, birthday, anniversary or in honor of a loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information at 410-879-2670.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Spend some time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm in the chapel. At 6:00 pm benediction is held to repose the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Gene Goeller for any questions you may have, 410-838-0445.



## Reminder: Bulletin Due Date

Information is due by 10:00 am on Monday for the following Sunday. If Monday is a holiday, items should be submitted the previous Friday. Please include name and contact information and fax to 410-879-2518 or e-mail [kreilly@stmargaret.org](mailto:kreilly@stmargaret.org)

## Outreach Notes

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## Senior Express

This relatively new non-profit agency provides rides at a modest cost to seniors in order to help them get to medical appointments, do personal shopping and connect with their surrounding community. We can only imagine how challenging isolation is for someone living alone. In just a short time, this agency has been flooded with requests. What they need most is volunteers to help address this huge demand. Even 2 hours a month can help. Please contact Director Susan Kelly at [susan.seniorexpress@gmail.com](mailto:susan.seniorexpress@gmail.com) if interested.



## Substance Abuse Ministry

Are you or a loved one struggling with substance abuse issues? Please come to one of the weekly meetings in the Lower Meeting Room in the Elementary School on the Saint Margaret campus.  
Mondays, 7:00 pm - Families Anonymous  
Fridays, 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
Saturdays, 7:30 pm - Women for Sobriety  
Sundays, 6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous  
Sundays, 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

## Cooperative Food Ministry

On **Monday, January 27**, Saint Margaret will be serving dinner to the homeless and needy at Calvary Baptist Church at 6:00 pm. There are two ways you can contribute to this effort. Please bring any homemade desserts to the parish office by 3:00 pm on January 27 or if you are free on that evening, please consider joining the individuals for dinner and sharing your fellowship with them.



## Connecting the Dream ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. and Pope Francis

Fifty one years ago Martin Luther King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. We thought it fitting in honoring him this week that we would recap a few of the highlights of this speech:

"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.' ... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. ... I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope.... With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. And if America is to be a great nation this must become true."

Recently, Pope Francis stated in a new year's address that "We are all children of one heavenly Father, we belong to the same human family and we all share a common destiny. This brings a responsibility for each to work so that the world becomes a community of brothers and sisters who respect each other, accept each other in one's diversity and take care of one another."

### *In reflecting on the above, we are left to ask ourselves:*

How are we doing as individuals and as a nation in bringing to reality Dr. King's dream as affirmed by Pope Francis?

What can I do in the near future as a Catholic Christian to show greater respect, acceptance and compassion for all members of the human family?

## Corner

Liturgy

### A look at the Creed The Challenge

Last week we heard the beginning of the Hebrew prayer "Shema Yisrael" as we spoke of our belief in one God. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone."

This ancient prayer of Israel continues...

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deut 6:5-9)

This is a call to action! This is a demand for total commitment.

Our commitment must be 24/7 – speak of God when at home, away, lying down and rising.

It must influence every aspect of our personal life – fix our faith on our foreheads and hands.

It must become a vital part of our home and family – recite the words to our children and write them on our doorposts.

It must influence us in our actions in society – inscribe them on the city gates.

Are we up to the challenge?

## Music Notes

Pete Anderson  
Music director  
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panderson@stmargaret.org



It's a new year and a new season for the church. It's also a great time to join our music program. We truly have something for everyone—choirs for all ages, handbells, cantors, our youth ensemble, opportunities for instrumentalists, groupies, whatever your fit. All of our groups are starting new music so there couldn't be a better time to try it out. Please call the parish office or email panderson@stmargaret.org for more information.

## Adult Faith Notes

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### Second Annual Newlywed Couples Blessing and Dinner

On **Saturday, February 15**, newlywed couples in the parish are invited to attend this special event. At the 5:30 pm Mass couples will receive a blessing then a candlelight dinner will be served in the Adult Education Center following Mass. Please RSVP to Marie Dekowski at 410.879-2670, ext. 126 or mdewowski@stmargaret.org.

### Do your children need to be brought up to date on their Sacraments?

Sessions will be starting on **Wednesday, January 29** for children and teens who are new to the Catholic Church. The sessions will include an overview of the basic beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church as well as sacramental preparation. For information, please contact Marie Dekowski.

### Seventh Annual Marriage Conference

sponsored by Marriage Works of Harford County will be held on **Saturday, February 8**, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Callahan Center. The cost is \$40 for individuals and \$75 per couple, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Nationally known speakers Dr. Richard Marks and Richard Albertson will discuss The Power of Us and Adventures in Marriage. For more information or to register, please contact Marie Dekowski.

### Parish Lenten Bus Trip to Emmitsburg

will be held on **Saturday, March 22**. Bus will leave the Callahan Center at 7:30 am and return at 6:30 pm. The trip includes guided tour of The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, lunch at the Historic Cozy Inn and a visit to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes which will include time and prayerful reflection as we walk through the Stations of the Cross. The cost is \$50 per person. To reserve your seat please contact Marie Dekowski 410.879.2670, ext. 126 or mdewowski@stmargaret.org

### Marriage Moments

Consider today a Compliment Exchange Day. Nothing smarmy - but a true, sincere, specific compliment. Marriage is built and strengthened by positives - ideally 8 positives to 1 negative. © Susan Vogt



## Youth Ministry

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Youth and Young Adult Minister  
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### High School & College Youth Ministry ~ FiRE House



**Dinner & Faith on FiRE – Every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 pm.** We will meet at FiRE House for dinner and faith sharing. We will focus on the readings for the upcoming weekend and discuss any current events happening in the Catholic Church, with a special focus on Pope Francis. All high school and college students are welcome!

**High School Hangout Nights Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:30 pm**  
Come join us - movies, games, fun!

### Confirmation Class #5

**Sunday, January 26** Candidates should meet in the Callahan Center at 6:45 p.m. Class will end at 8:30 pm



**Save the date!**  
**High School Ski Trip to Roundtop, Monday, February 17.** More information coming next week



### Children's Stewardship of Time



Helped Mom sort out all my books.

I gave love to my new cat.

I helped my friend with her art project.

I made a card for my new baby cousin.

I went in the basement with my sister because we don't like to go by ourselves.

I helped with babysitting.

I helped my friend when she fell on the playground.



# Education Notes ...

## Faith Formation

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### Preschool and Elementary

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Lisa Hack, lhack@stmargaret.org

### Middle and High School

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cmeholic@stmargaret.org



### Classes This Week...

#### Sunday Classes:

On **January 19**, children will attend Mass with their parents. There will be no classes in the classrooms on Jan. 19. Regular classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 26.

#### Elementary Wednesday Classes:

No classes on Wednesday, January 22.

#### Middle/High School Programs:

No classes on Tuesday, January 21 or Wednesday, January 22.

**Calendar Change:** The Large Group Sessions originally scheduled for February 11 and 12 have been rescheduled for February 25 and 26. Regular classes will now be held on February 11 and 12.

### Make-Up Class Scheduled

A make-up class will be held on **Tuesday, March 4** to replace the class missed last Tuesday for grades 6-9.

### Attention First Eucharist Parents!

If your child is eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in May 2014, and you missed the required parent meetings last week, you will need to contact Keri Geibler to schedule a make-up meeting. No registration packets will be given out without attending a make-up meeting.

### Wednesday Elementary Faith Formation Family Life Packets

On Wednesday, January 8 your child should have brought home his/her family life packet for you to review. **Please review this material and have your child return the workbook to his/her teacher at the next class on Wednesday, January 29.** The Family Life program and materials will be taught in the month of February.

### New Series: Prayer 101!



Do you want to incorporate the power of prayer in your life this year, but don't know how? Did you resolve to become more prayerful in 2014, but don't know where to start? Then you might need "Prayer 101!" The next sessions will be held on **Tuesday, January 28 and Wednesday, January 29** in Room 201 of the Saint Margaret Middle School at 7:00 pm. Drop in to join us for any session. There is no need to register. Coffee and cookies will be served.

### Escape2Catholicism!

Next week we will be showing Episode 8, "The Communion of Saints" in Father Robert Barron's Catholicism DVD series. Please join us on **Tuesday, Jan. 28 or Wednesday, Jan. 29** in Room 102 of the Saint Margaret Middle School at 7:00 pm. All are invited. There is no need to register. Coffee and cookies will be served.



*Scripture of the month: Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

## Saint Margaret School

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### Applying for Tuition Assistance

**Currently** tuition assistance information is available on the parish website at www.stmargaret.org. Click on the About Us tab, and then click on School.

**By February 21** Complete the *Parents' Financial Statement* and the *Business/Farm Statement* online at sss.nais.org.

**By March 14** Submit ALL required documents to SSS.

Refer to the checklist on the Parish website.

The parish provides tuition assistance grants to eligible school families enrolled for the upcoming school year. Applications are reviewed in strict confidence by a committee using a blind process.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Parents of enrolled Saint Margaret School students or parents of new students who have applied and been accepted may apply for a tuition grant. Applicants must be registered

parishioners who regularly attend church at Saint Margaret Parish and provide regular support at an appropriate level using offertory envelopes or electronic means.

Active parishioner status is checked as part of the tuition assistance application process and several times during the year. Please refer to the Tuition Assistance Policies for additional information.

### How does a family apply?

All applications are submitted online at sss.nais.org by completing a *Parents' Financial Statement* and providing all required documentation. Both the custodial and non-custodial parent should submit the *Parents' Financial Statement*. There is an additional online form for those who own a business or farm.

