

# sm SAINT MARGARET

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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 February 15 - February 23, 2014

Saturday	4:00 pm	Antionette Byrum
	5:30 pm	Georgia Classon
Sunday	7:30 am	Michael Guercio
	9:00 am	Anne O'Hara
	10:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Special intention for parishioners
	9:30 am	Jack Levee
	11:00 am	Theodore Allen
Monday	6:30 am	No Mass or service
President's Day	8:30 am	Nancy Schuster Natoli
Tuesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Wyatt Gentry
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Brendan Cody
	8:30 am	Zielonka Oswald
Thursday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Lena Gugliuzza
Friday	6:30 am	Matt Challou
	8:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
Saturday	8:30 am	Special Intention
	4:00 pm	John Daniel Ganz
	5:30 pm	William Matejka
Sunday	7:30 am	Michael Guercio
	9:00 am	Regina Slater
	10:30 am	Paul Shall
	12:00 pm	Rick Snyder
	9:30 am Mission	Rita Rayner
	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

## Nursery Service Available



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 February 23, 2014

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Love of enemies**

**Reading I:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 **Various rules of conduct**

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 **The work of God's ministers**

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48 **New law of retaliation; love of enemies**

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44a)

**Adult:** What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

**Child:** Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

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# SAINT MARGARET PARISH

*Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ*

Saint Margaret Church ■ Bulletin for the week of February 16, 2014 ■ Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

## Welcome to Saint Margaret

We welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us today.

## Breaking News

### President's Day

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of this holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday morning at 9:00 am.

### Winter "Jammin Java" Coffeehouse at Saint Margaret

**Friday, February 21, 7:30-10:30 pm** at the Adult Education Center (historic church). C'mon out for a free night of cool tunes and hot coffee! For more information, contact Ken Spoerl at 443-275-3137

**Welcome**  
Come grow with us!  
**Greet and Meet Open House**  
**Saturday, March 1**  
**5:00 to 7:30 pm**

### Adult Education Center

If you are a new parishioner, someone worshipping with us for the first time or have visited before, we welcome you! Come and enjoy a part of parish life. Father Doug, ministry leaders, school representatives and other parish families will be on hand to talk with you and answer questions about our programs, activities and volunteer opportunities. Come share your special gifts, as we all continue to grow in our Catholic faith.

RSVP to [kreilly@stmargaret.org](mailto:kreilly@stmargaret.org).

## Welcome

**Peyton Harper Dears**  
**Stella Jones**  
**James Rocco Trancucci**  
**Graham Nicholas Hamel**



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

## Deacon Vic Celebrates St. Valentine



*Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

*Psalms 37:4*



On Sunday, February 9, Deacon Vic visited the kindergarten and the first-grade Sunday Faith Formation classes. He began by telling the children about the history of St. Valentine. Deacon Vic discussed the importance of showing love to others. The children came up with ways to show others you care for them. After the presentation, all of the children sang, "Jesus Loves Me" with Deacon Vic. After saying a prayer of thanks, they all enjoyed donuts with the deacon. Each class created a special Valentine's Day craft to help spread God's love to others.

## Family Snow Day Event

Saturday, February 22 at 5:00 pm  
Saint Margaret Parish Hall

Join us for Mass at 4:00 pm at Saint Margaret Church, then head over to the parish hall for some fun! Enjoy a meal with your parish community and spend quality time with your family.

Free pizza, salad and drinks.  
(Please bring a nut-free dessert to share.)

### CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS...

- Make a snowman
- Decorate snowflakes
- Watch a snowy day cartoon
- Enjoy hot chocolate with marshmallows

Volunteers Needed: Contact- [kgeibler@stmargaret.org](mailto:kgeibler@stmargaret.org)



## “Be Protectors of God’s Gift”

Each year, the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal presents us with the unique opportunity to reach out to people in need of our help throughout the Archdiocese and the world. As a parish community, we take our place in this great faith family to offer our generous support. Together with all the other parishes of the Archdiocese, we can make a huge difference.

If you have already completed your pledge card, we thank you for your support. For those of you that did not receive a commitment card in the mail or have not had time to respond to it, we ask that you please complete the commitment card and mail it or place in the collection.

### Parish Tuition Assistance for Saint Margaret School

Saint Margaret Parish uses School and Student Services (SSS) to process applications for tuition assistance. Families may apply online at [sss.nais.org](http://sss.nais.org) by Friday, February 21.



All required documents must be sent or uploaded to SSS by March 14. Please go to the parish website at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org) and follow the School link on the About Us tab to see policies, deadlines, and requirements. You may also contact Mary Ellen Bates at the parish office with questions.



### 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 and sidewalks.

## From Father Mike



Dear Friends,

**This weekend we are hearing a homily by Archbishop Lori on a CD at all Masses.** The Archbishop is speaking

about the *Annual Appeal* and grounding it in the Scripture readings for this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Following the Archbishop’s homily, we have the opportunity to sign a commitment card and make an outright gift or a pledge to the *Annual Appeal*. Some of us have already done this and that is wonderful. If we have not, today is a good chance to do it.

**An appropriate question is: How much should I consider contributing to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal?** Ultimately, we all need to decide this for ourselves. Please be aware that Archbishop Lori does not want this to take the place of or lessen our giving to the parish. Our contributions to Saint Margaret, especially in the offertory collection come first. Having said that, the parish Development Committee and I have typically recommended as a guideline that we give an amount equal to 10% of what we give annually in the parish offertory. So, if we give \$1,000 a year to the parish in the offertory, we ask you to consider a gift of \$100 to this *Appeal*. Some of us may be unable to give anything or to give as much as the 10%. If that is your situation, please, I do not want you to feel any pressure or stress about this. On the other hand, some of us may be able to give more than the 10%. If so, wonderful!

**As I reflect on how much we should consider giving to the Appeal, I recall an approach that the Marriage Encounter program has taken.** Some years ago I made a Marriage Encounter with the purpose of understanding what this program offers to couples and with the prospect of

assisting the Encounter with Sunday Mass. There came a time in that week end when one of the presenting couples dealt with the cost of the program. At that time (the 1980s), the cost was about \$200 a couple. The presenters acknowledged that some couples probably could not afford that much. And so, they asked those who could to give more than the actual cost of the week-end, even to double that amount so as to provide kind of a scholarship for another couple who needed this assistance. I really liked that approach and it strikes me that it may apply here as we reflect on how much to give to the *Archbishop’s Annual Appeal*.

**In last week’s column I reviewed all of the various services, ministries and programs that the Appeal supports. I need to add that 25% of what we as a parish give will come right back to us for our own special needs.** In other words, Saint Margaret will receive back 25% of our total contribution. If we meet our goal of \$236,900, we receive back \$59,225. We have selected three uses for our share of the *Appeal* rebate money:

- 1/3 for our Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This will help to enhance our ministry to our high school youth and provide some seed money for our ministry to young adults – a high priority.
- 1/3 for tuition assistance for parishioners whose children attend Saint Margaret School. This is important because the Archdiocese will provide a match for the amount that we devote to tuition assistance – a real bonus for us!
- 1/3 for Saint Anthony Parish in northeast Baltimore. We began partnering with this parish several years ago and each year we try to assist them with some necessity that they cannot meet on their own.

*Thank you for considering a gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.*

*Father Mike*

### Contribution Tax Statements

All contributions are credited the week they are received. The 2013 contribution statements for Saint Margaret Parish **were** mailed on January 31, 2014. For questions, please contact Karen Saccenti, 410-838-6969, ext. 112 or [ksaccenti@stmargaret.org](mailto:ksaccenti@stmargaret.org).

## Community Notes

### Bingo

Longaberger Basket/Vera Bradley Purse bingo on **Sunday, February 16**, Prince of Peace Parish Center, 2600 Willoughby Beach Rd. in Edgewood. Tickets \$15 or \$20 at the door. Doors open at 1:30 pm. For information or advance tickets contact Dolores Huff at 410-676-0418.

### Irish Food, Comedy and Music

**Saturday, March 8**, 6:30 - 10:30 pm. Prince of Peace Church in Edgewood. \$37 per person. For more information call 443-512-0995

### St. Anthony Bull Roast/Shrimp Feast

**Sunday, March 2** from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Tickets \$36. Call the parish center at 410-488-0400.

### 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.

### 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)



### Free Tax Preparation

Sponsored by the AARP Foundation and the Harford County Tax-Aide Program. **M-F, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm starting January 27** in Aberdeen, Abingdon, Bel Air, Edgewood, Havre de Grace and Whiteford. Call 410-638-3425 to schedule an appointment.

**SPECIAL ~ no appointment necessary Saturday, February 22**, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Abingdon.



# Parish Notes ...

## Looking ahead... Lenten Resources

**Little Black Books** encourage us to “Spend some quiet time with the Lord” through daily six-minute reflections. Keep one on your dinner table to start faith-filled conversations with our family. Feel free to use these books to give to family members and friends to inspire them to use them as their companion for Lent. Little Black Books can be found in the pamphlet racks.

**Disciples on the Journey** is an inspirational Lenten resource for families and small groups that help us to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus and to live our lives as faithful witnesses to God’s Word. The booklets can be found in the pamphlet racks.

**Between Sundays** from “The Five Loaves” is an online ‘Visio Divina’ – a meditation on a visual interpretation of the Word of God. In using this weekly 5-7 minute resource we are inspired through thoughtful reflection and music to live the Word of God in our daily lives. Visit [www.thefiveaves.com](http://www.thefiveaves.com) to sign up for your weekly email.

**Lenten Suppers and Talks** will begin on **Friday, March 7**, at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Talks will begin at 6:45 pm. The topic of our talks this year will be on the inspiring messages of Pope Francis. Watch the bulletin weekly beginning the first Sunday in March for more information.

**The Great Divorce** by C.S. Lewis will be the topic of a six-hour spiritual journey over three nights beginning late March. Come take the mystical bus ride and meet the various characters who show how we let our self-righteousness lead us down the wrong paths; the Bishop, the Bog Man and George McDonald. You may just change your life! This discussion will be presented by deacon Marty Wolf and is sponsored by the Mother Teresa Human Life Commission. **Please see next weekend’s bulletin for further information about this experience.**

## Outreach Notes

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### First Friday Seniors

**TF** All Seniors are invited to come to our next First Friday event on **Friday, March 7**. Rosary will be at 10:45 am and Mass at 11:00 am in the church followed by a luncheon from Giovanni’s at 11:45 am in the parish hall. Entertainment will be provided by the Havre de Grace High School band. Come out and celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day early! If you are new to the parish and would like to join us, please contact the parish office.

### Substance Abuse Ministry

**H** **HEALING**  
**R** **RECOVERY**  
**P** **PREVENTION**  
**P** **PEACE**  
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

## Health Ministry



During the days before & after Valentine’s Day we hear the word love frequently mentioned. Take some time to reflect on how ‘love’ is the key in building healthy relationships with God, our families, friends and even pets. And, remember that the benefits of nurturing that love are immense - including cultivating a healthier you in body, mind and spirit. Send an e-mail to the Health Ministry Team at [saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org](mailto:saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org) for additional information or support systems available for your health-related concerns.

### Our Daily Bread Casseroles

Are you tired of being shut in by the snow?? Turn your frustration into good deeds by making a casserole for Our Daily Bread! Our goal is to send 100 casseroles to Baltimore each month. We have been low the last few months so any help would be greatly appreciated! Bring all finished casseroles to the parish office. Our delivery date is the fourth Saturday of the month. Many thanks in advance for your support and care of the homeless!

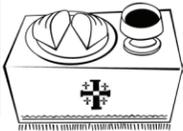
**Project Rosary** Our next gathering will take place on Friday, Feb. 28 from 1:30-3:00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. All ages are invited to come learn how to make rosaries for missionaries in Belize. No experience necessary!

### Mother Teresa Human Life Commission Good Shepherd Scholarship ~ \$1500 Prize Application Deadline ~ April 1, 2014

Persons treated unjustly can lose the opportunity to live life abundantly. While the Mother Teresa Human Life Commission recognizes that there is injustice all over the world, the Scholarship asks that we focus on our neighboring brothers and sisters in need. The goal is to encourage a high school student, who is also a Saint Margaret parishioner, to design and develop a community outreach project that reflects one of these seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Spirit; Call to Family; Community and Participation; Rights and Responsibilities; Options for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Solidarity and Care for God’s Creation. The proposed project **MUST** be one that will affect individuals in Harford County. This project might impact your school, neighborhood or some other person or persons in the local community.

Finalists will be asked to interview with the selection committee. The winner will be announced by April 15, 2014. The recipient must carry out and complete all project work by December 31, 2014. For questions or more information, please contact Jane O’Hara in the parish office. To download the application form, please visit the parish website at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org).

## Corner

Countdown to Lent –  
2½ weeks

Venerable Pope Paul VI wrote the church insists “that the virtue of penitence be exercised:

- in persevering faithfulness to the duties of one’s state in life,
- in the acceptance of the difficulties arising from one’s work and from human coexistence,
- in a patient bearing of the trials of earthly life and of the utter insecurity which pervades it.”

Is he asking us to be better individuals? Better parents/family members? Better co-workers? Better supervisors? Better citizens? Better Catholics?

What is the key to making this happen even in the face of life’s challenges?

**Prayer** has always been the foremost penitential practice in the Church’s tradition. But few of us think of prayer as penance. In devout prayer we come to know better the God we serve and this can lead us to an “intimate and total change and renewal” – a change of heart (“metanoia”) that must occur if we are to attain the kingdom of God.

Prayer opportunities abound during Lent: the “Little Black Book” for private reflection; daily Mass; Stations of the Cross; the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Holy Week liturgies. Plan now to find some extra time for prayer.

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.



## Adult Faith Notes

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
and Burning of the Ashes

**Tuesday, March 4** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Menu includes pancakes, sausage, donuts, fruit cups and beverages. This annual supper is sponsored by Saint Margaret Boy Scout Troop 564. Free-will donations will be accepted.

## Ashes, Ashes

The “branding” with ashes as a sign of public penance has been an official part of the church’s custom since 1091 A.D.

But what is the source of the ashes for Ash Wednesday?

They come from the palm branches blessed last year on Palm Sunday. So ... you are invited to bring the palms that have been in your homes since last year (and the year before and the year before that) to church on the weekends of **February 23 and March 2** and place them in the baskets at the entrances of the church and mission. We will then burn them Tuesday, March 4 on Shrove Tuesday. You are all invited to participate.

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Lenten Opportunity  
Parish Lenten Bus Trip to Emmitsburg

will be held on **Saturday, March 22**. The 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 for 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 mdekowski@stmargaret.org

## Youth Ministry

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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!

## College and Young Adult Ministry

Join us **Wednesday nights, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** at FiRE House (329 Wright Street). Social, spiritual and service events. Bring a friend!

## Final Confirmation Class

**Sunday, February 23**, Candidates should meet in the Callahan Center at 6:30 pm. Class will end at 9:00 pm.



## We Need Your Help!

Sign up with **eScrip** to help us raise funds for our youth ministry events such as work camp, conferences and leadership training. You can sign up online – eScrip works with merchant partners to contribute to our group each time you shop at no cost to you! Please go to escrip.com, click on “sign-up”, follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and existing credit/debit cards. You can select up to three organizations to support. Our group name is St. Margaret’s Youth Ministry. Thank you in advance for your help!

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## Marriage Moments



President’s Day can be more than a day off work, a time when government offices are closed, or stores have sales. What does it mean to lead? What does it mean to protect and to seek the common good? These are questions for both spouses and presidents.



## Education Notes ...

## Faith Formation

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## Preschool and Elementary

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## Middle and High School

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## Classes This Week...

**Sunday Classes:** No Classes on February 16.

Classes resume February 23

## Elementary Wednesday Classes:

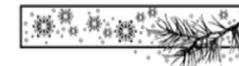
February 19 – **Please make sure you have returned your child’s Family Life Workbook to his/her teacher!**

## Middle/High School Programs:

Tues. February 18 and Wed. February 19

**Calendar Change:** The Large Group Sessions will be held on **February 25 and 26**. The topic will be on Catholic Social Teaching.

**Make-Up Class:** A make-up class has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 4**.



## Join us for Family Snow Day

On **Saturday, February 22** we will hold another Family Fun Night! Joins us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass and then head over to the parish hall from 5:00 – 7:00 pm for pizza, salad, and tons of snow-themed crafts for the children.

## 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, please contact Keri Geibler as soon as possible!

## First Eucharist Retreat

Mark you calendar for **Saturday, March 15** from 9:15 am - 12:15 pm in the church.

Wednesday Elementary Faith Family  
Life Unit Rescheduled

This week, during Wednesday Elementary Classes, the Family Life Unit will begin on

**February 19**. By now, you should have returned your child’s Family Life Workbook to his/her teacher. If you have not done so, please send it with your child to class this week!

K-5 Home Study Large Group  
Rescheduled

Our next Large Group Session for K-5 Home Study students and their parents will be held on **Monday, February 24** at 7:00 pm in the Callahan Center. We will be learning about the Rosary with a very special activity planned.

## Prayer 101!

Drop in anytime to brush up on your prayer life, or just to learn more about the power of prayer! This week’s sessions will be held on **Tuesday, February 18** and **Wednesday, February 19** in Room 201 of the Saint Margaret Middle School at 7:00 pm. Coffee and cookies will be served.

*Scripture of the month: Matthew 22:37 “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*

## Saint Margaret School

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Phil Federowicz ~ pfederowicz@smsch.org

**Admissions:** Cecelia Pleiss ~ cpleiss@smsch.org



## Important Dates For February

**Feb. 17** School close for President’s Day

**Feb. 18** Hot lunch;

Haiti Penny/Quarter Wars

**Feb. 19** Mass

**Feb. 20** Hot Lunch

**Feb. 21** Gr. 8 Hearing and Vision Testing

## Haiti Outreach

## We Can Make A Difference

Since 2001, Saint Margaret School has engaged in global outreach to a Catholic school in Haiti--St. Rose of Lima. During

the month of February, we will focus on this important outreach effort. Former Assistant Principal, Carol Delss, who established this outreach project, is hoping that the founder of St. Rose of Lima School, Gabriel (Gaby) Thelus, will be able to visit our school and meet with the students sometime in February.

During Haiti Solidarity Week (February 14-21), Saint Margaret School will continue its global outreach commitment to our sister school in Haiti – Saint Rose of Lima. Activities planned will support our fundraising efforts and broaden our students’ understanding of our responsibility to care for the poor. Saint Rose of Lima School, located in the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, offers children the opportunity to better their lives through a Catholic education. Since 2001, our yearly financial support has been a blessing for this school,

allowing it to continue being a beacon of hope for many children. Last year our school raised \$20,882.

Activities planned during our Haiti Solidarity Month include:

Assemblies at each campus

Haiti Valentine Out of Uniform Day—Friday, February 14 (no cost)

Haiti Bingo—Friday, February 14 (cost \$1.20, \$1 for the Bingo card and 20 pennies to be used as markers)

Penny Wars at the Elementary Campus (February 18-21), and Quarter Wars at the Middle School Campus (February 18-21).

As in the past, our school community will pray the Haiti Prayer each morning and students will continue to learn about Haitian culture and the ongoing challenges faced by the Haitian people.