



SAINT MARGARET

PARISH

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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 Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions September 7 - September 15, 2013

Saturday	4:00 pm	Carol Hanik
	5:30 pm	Anne Nelson (Sp. Int.)
Sunday	7:30 am	Wyatt Gentry
	9:00 am	Mary Chase
	10:30 am	Michael Guercio
	12:00 pm	Carlos Buron
	9:30 am Mission	Special intention for parishioners
	11:00 am Mission	Rev. J. Alphonse Frederick
Monday	6:30 am	Matthew Challou
	8:30 am	Florence Alevato
Tuesday	6:30 am	Souls of the Family of Thomas D. Noeth, Sr.
	8:30 am	John DiPasquale
Wednesday	6:30 am	Florence Hopkins
	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
Thursday	6:30 am	Anastasia Young
	8:30 am	Edward Ruth
Friday	6:30 am	Matthew Carey
	8:30 am	Rev. James B. Carey
Saturday	8:30 am	Edel Quinn
	4:00 pm	Elizabeth Skowronski
	5:30 pm	John, Margaret and Robert Wilzack
Sunday	7:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
	9:00 am	Aida Schmidt
	10:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret
	12:00 pm	Joselito Ocampo
	9:30 am Mission	Special intention for parishioners
	11:00 am Mission	Rev. J. Alphonse Frederick

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 the first Saturday of the month. 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 September 15, 2013

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time The courage to forgive

Reading I Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (the golden calf)

Reading II 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Paul's gratitude)

Gospel Luke 15:1-32 (the prodigal son)

Key Passage The servant replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. (Luke 15:27-28)

Adult When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?

Child Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?

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Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church

Bulletin for the week of September 8, 2013

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome To Our Community

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or have visited before, we welcome you! If you are looking for a church home in this community, we invite you to consider Saint Margaret Parish. Please do come again soon!

Breaking News

Play It Forward

Our next get together will be on **Monday, September 9** from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Adult Education Center. Come enjoy simple games with people of "different" abilities! No skills necessary! Only a willing heart and positive spirit to share!

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Tuesday, September 10, after the 8:30 am Mass until 6:00 pm in Saint Margaret Chapel. Participate in this special day of prayer by coming to the chapel to spend some quiet time in adoration of the Lord.

50th ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and God Bless **Bill and Mary Jo Collins** as they celebrate their anniversary September 7.

You Will Love It And You Will Love Yourself For Doing it!

What are we talking about? Answering the Spirit's call! Yes, becoming a catechist for Faith Formation classes or Confirmation is a call you won't regret answering. Call one of the coordinators for more information, 410-879-2670.

Preschool and Elementary:
Keri Geibler, 410-879-2670, ext. 202
Middle and High School:
CeeCee Meholic, 410-879-2670, ext. 125

Faith Formation

The Saint Margaret Parish Faith Formation Programs will begin soon! All programs will focus on teaching a variety of prayer and using scripture in our daily life. Each grade level will participate in an outreach project that corresponds to a particular Catholic social teaching. For example, the Catholic social teaching "Call to Family, Community and Participation" will be put into action at each grade level. We are looking forward to another great year.

Elementary Faith Formation Program (Kindergarten-Grade 5)

Wednesday evenings at 4:45 and 6:45 pm. Our program serves 400 children from kindergarten through fifth grade. We offer an engaging study of our faith which includes hands on learning through Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and a variety of prayer.

Sunday Faith Formation Program (Pre-3 - Grade 1)

This program is designed for children in Pre 3 through first grade. Classes begin in October and will be held on Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Over 90 children attend classes and learn about their faith through engaging Bible stories, hands-on lessons, and crafts. This year children will practice living their faith by taking home "Good Deed" slips to share and be kind to siblings, help out at home, care for God's world and love all people.



Middle and High School Program (Grade 6-9)

Classes are offered on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We serve over 250 students and offer an interactive curriculum that strengthens their understanding of the Catholic faith and encourages them to apply it to their everyday lives. Service projects, prayer services and large group sessions are all a part of this program.



Home Study (K-9)

Parents will oversee the instruction of their children at home by using the same curriculum that we use in the classroom. Students in grades K-5 and their parents will meet four Mondays throughout the year for interactive large group gatherings and students in grades 6-9 and their parents will gather as a large group four times a year with the classroom students.

Fellowship and Faith

We are offering opportunities for all parish members to become closer to God and the community.

We offer four Parish Family Events:
September 14 ~ Family Autumn Night
December 7 ~ Family Advent Night
February 22 ~ Family Snow Day
April 19 ~ Parish Easter Egg Hunt
All of the events include a meal, fellowship, crafts for the children and faith centered literature or scripture.

Miraculous Medal Novena



Miraculous Medal Novena will be held this year on **nine consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 pm** in the chapel. The Novena will begin **September 10 and end November 5**. The service will include exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and novena prayers, scripture reading, homily and Benediction. Please come and bring your cares and concerns to the Blessed Mother. Given to a novice, Catherine LaBoure in 1830 by Our Blessed Mother and fashioned according to her wishes, this medal has brought many bearers great graces. The medal has been known to bring about many miracles of health, peace, blessings, protection and conversion.

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Our Faith in Action Go Green With EFT

Thank you to those who have taken advantage of Electronic Funds Transfer here at Saint Margaret. If you have still not signed up for EFT or for the On-line Giving option through your bank, we encourage you to consider these options. If you have questions or concerns, please call Karen Saccenti in the parish office, 410-879-2670, ext. 112 or e-mail ksaccenti@stmargaret.org.

“Give with Target” Reward Saint Margaret School

This year, Target will give money to schools all over the country for one simple act—a vote. For each vote for Saint Margaret School, our school will earn \$1 donated from Target. The rewards are potentially huge. Vote for Saint Margaret School (ZIP 21014) once a week through September 21 or until Target has given away \$5 million. Go to <http://givewith.target.com>.

Fundraisers to Support SMS

Saint Margaret School will once again be collecting Box Tops, Campbell's Labels For Education, and My Coke Rewards Points. These items are collected to earn free art and athletic supplies for our school. Thank you!

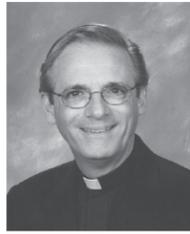


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Welcome

Come grow with us!

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
It has been a while since I have given you any update on our parish facilities. On our main property on Hickory Avenue, we have 9 buildings. This total includes the FiRE House (a small ranch house on Wright Street which is our youth center), a trailer that functions as the elementary school library, and a large garage (half of this is used for maintenance storage). I mention these three buildings because they can easily be overlooked in the count of parish buildings. We have three buildings on the Mission property on Churchville Road, including a rectory which is partially used for parish storage.

Needless to say, it takes a lot of careful planning and managing to stay on top of the needs of these buildings and of the properties themselves. The parish Facilities Committee works with our Facilities Manager, Sandy Laird, and Business Manager, Mary Ellen Bates, in maintaining a spreadsheet of needs and priorities for the entire physical plant. **Here is a snapshot of what was done in the past year.**

• Painted about 50% of the handrails on all buildings
• Installed new refrigerator for teachers' lounge
• Installed security in all classrooms
• Checked back-up batteries for exit lights and alarms
• Checked fire extinguishers, fire panels, and sprinkler systems
• Cleaned all gutters
• Trimmed trees and removed one large, old fallen tree

- Waterproofed and regraded ground around chapel
- Caulked around bases of stained glass windows
- Replaced ceiling, lighting, and stair treads in elementary education building
- Insulated boiler room pipes
- Ran data line for security camera
- Replaced fan motor for lavatories
- Painted main school office and walls in lobby
- Installed sidewalk from parking lot to front door of FiRE House
- Painted outside of garage and library buildings
- Cleaned sediment pond
- Repaired roof to middle school building
- Painted various classrooms
- Installed new security systems for education buildings
- Built replacement PCs for controlling building heating and air conditioning systems and other operations.

- Obviously, a lot of other routine maintenance was and is being done on a daily or weekly basis. The Facilities Manager also relates to the vendors with whom we have contracts, for example, lawn service and snow removal, and heating and air conditioning service for multiple buildings, and cleaning services. Contracts with these vendors are regularly reviewed to assure that the parish is receiving good value for its money. All in all, our buildings, even those that are aging, are in good condition and are safe, safety being always an important consideration. I hope we can all take pride in the appearance of our properties and buildings. I thank you for your financial support that enables all of the above to happen, and all of this in turn enables our spiritual mission to happen.

Fr. Mike

We would like to welcome the following new parishioners to Saint Margaret Parish during the month of August. We are happy that you have chosen Saint Margaret to be your spiritual home.

Bob and Gail Adams-Saunders & family
Peter and Jeanette Anderson & family
Stephen and Christine Brooks & family
Charles and Elizabeth O'Connor & family
Lee and Evonne Donelson & family
Frank and donna Hanley & family
Paul and Deana Snyder & family
Anthony and Amanda Russo & family
Micahel and Melissa Romano & family

Jennifer Higler
Casey Mcvey
Tho and Amy Nguyen and family
Michael and Deborah Corbin
Billy and Christina Greene & family
Alysia Amoriello
Catherine Sobey
Christine Stallard & family
Robert and Mary Todd & family

Food Pantry



Needs

Lord, open my eyes to those who are hurting and in need of food.

Remember the power of **1**
1 person, **1** food item, **1** Mass

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Parish Notes ...

Marriage Moments



"Who can know God's counsel . . ." Wisdom 9:13 The wisdom of God is sometimes only recognized in hindsight. Although your beloved is not God, he/she has probably said some pretty wise things over the years.

What's a bit of wisdom you've learned from your spouse? © Susan Vogt

Community Notes

John Carroll School

"Tomorrow, September 9, John Carroll School will celebrate the kick off of its Fiftieth Anniversary year. Since 1964 John Carroll has served more than 8,000 alumni. We congratulate The John Carroll School on fifty years of Catholic education in Harford County."

"Recovery in the Street" Festival

Embracing Community, Celebrating Recovery, Triumph Over Addiction – **Saturday, September 14**, 10:00 am-2:00 pm at Highland Presbyterian Church, 701 Highland Road, Street, MD. Come enjoy music, art, games, food and more!

Ask the Doctor

Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm, at 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, the Catholic Ladies Service Org. of the Bel Air K of C will host Dr. Mark Clough of Towson Orthopedics Assoc. with a presentation about hip and knee pain and replacements. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Call Pat, 410-879-5872 for information.

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 pm at Bon Secours Retreat Center. Dr. James Richardson is offering an informational session exploring the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other causes of dementia.

Flying Geese Quilt Guild Bingo

Saturday, September 28, at Saint Mary Magdalen Mission - 1716 Churchville Road. Doors open 6:00 pm, games begin at 7:00 pm. Prizes are quilted items and crafts. Food, drinks and raffles are available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. See www.fgqg.com or call 410-877-1901.

Outreach Notes

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Outreach Coordinator
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Widow and Widowers Group

The Widows and Widowers Group will resume its monthly luncheons on **Tuesday, September 10**. We will meet in the AEC at 12:30 pm. We are privileged to have John Meeks to speak to us about his life's journey. I hope all our previous members will be able to attend and that we will have lots of new members to greet and welcome. Remember to bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Looking forward to a tremendous turnout.

Hooked on Prayer

Tuesday, September 10th, from 9:30-11:00 am. This group of knitters and crocheters will meet in the Adult Education Center to make prayer shawls for individuals who may be ill or in a care facility. You don't need to know how to crochet or knit, group members are glad to teach those interested in learning these skills. Please join us for friendly fellowship and a chance to make a warm difference for those who are sick or in need.

Project Rosary

Meet on **Friday, September 13** from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the parish office conference room. Come help make rosaries for third world countries! No experience necessary.

Anna's House

Charm City Raffle - September 18
\$5 per ticket or five tickets for \$20

First prize: Four Orioles tickets ~ Orioles vs Boston Red Sox, two Ravens tickets, a bushel of crabs and two National Aquarium tickets. **Second prize:** Tory Burch handbag, two wine glasses and \$50 gift to Scotto's, Liberatore's and Enotria. Purchase tickets by September 17. Tickets are available in the parish office.

Hope In Handbags Silent Purse Auction

Thursday, September 19 - Saturday, September 21, benefits Harford Family House. Donate new or gently used handbags. For drop-off locations, go to www.hopeinhandbags.com.

Substance Abuse Ministry

The Anonymous People

A feature documentary film about the 23.5 million Americans living in long-term recovery, and the emerging public recovery movement that will transform how alcoholism and drug addiction are viewed in our communities. Sponsored by Father Martin's Ashley and the Harford County Health Department, it will be shown on **Thursday, September 26** in the Chesapeake Theatre at Harford Community College. Reception at 5:00 pm, film at 6:00 pm and a Panel Discussion from 7-8:30pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$25 at the door.



To purchase tickets, go to <http://apharford.eventbrite.com>.

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance issues, please come to one of the weekly meetings on our 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, 8:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Health Ministry



Wondering how the new Affordable Care Act which begins in 2014 will apply to you? Under this mandate, most people over the age of 18 must have health insurance or pay a fine. (If you have Medicaid or Medicare coverage, you meet the requirement). To learn more, go to HealthCare.gov (www.healthcare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596. You can also contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an email to saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org or leaving a message at 410-838-6969, ext. 141.

Chesapeake Cancer Alliance Decorators Show House

Rockfield Manor, 501 Churchville Rd, Bel Air
Sunday, Sept. 8 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 9 Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
Sept. 10 - 12 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$20 www.chesapeakecanceralliance.org

Corner

Today begins a slight change to this column. Jackie Novak, of the Worship and Prayer Liturgy Committee has authored this column for the last year. Kudos goes out to Jackie for providing valuable and insightful information about our Roman Catholic liturgies. Jackie and myself, Pete Anderson, music director, will share future articles.



So, exactly why do we even have music at Mass? Perhaps the simplest and even most profound reason can be found in the document, **Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship**. Developed by the Music Subcommittee of the Committee on Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), this document is one of the two most valuable resources, along with the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), for liturgists and church musicians. **Sing to the Lord** begins: "God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises." The Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, contains a wealth of examples of singers and instrumentalists praising God through their music. When we sing to God, we truly connect with all of his family through time and space. More next week...

Joyful Noises

Pete Anderson
Director of Music
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Handbell Choir

Monday, September 16 6:30-7:30 pm
(note change in date)

Children's Choirs Thursday, October 3
Cherub Choir (Grades K-2) 4:30-5:00 pm
Children Choir (Grades 3-8) 5:00-6:00 pm

All rehearsals are in Saint Margaret Church. Contact the music office for more information.

Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski
Adult Faith Formation
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mdekowski@stmargaret.org

The **Book of Revelation** will be the topic of discussion twice a month beginning on **September 11** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Adult Education Center. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Marie Dekowski.

Little Rock Scripture Study

The Book of Daniel will be the topic of discussion for the next scripture study beginning **Wednesday, September 18**, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Adult Education Center. All are welcome to attend. If you are new to the group, please register by contacting Marie Dekowski 410-879-2670, extension 126 or mdekowski@stmargaret.org.

Overwhelmed?

Single Moms Care & Support Group will begin meeting on Tuesday, **September 24 through November 5** from 6:00 to 7:15 pm at Saint Margaret Parish Adult Education Center at 141 North Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014. What to expect: a warm meal, hanging out and being real, fellowship, praying for each other, love and acceptance, "No judgment zone!" and childcare. Your children will be cared for by certified childcare providers who will serve them a meal and engage them in age appropriate activities. So if you are a single mom – divorced, never-married, widowed, grand-single-parenting – come, join us! We are open to all denominations. In order to properly prepare for you and your children, please register by contacting Marie Dekowski 410.879.2670, ext. 126 or mdekowski@gmail.com. There is no cost for this program.

Small Christian Communities

Looking to better connect to your parish and your faith? Saint Margaret Parish has more than 30 small faith sharing groups for you to join! For more information, please contact Marie Dekowski.



Visit our website at www.stmargaret.org

Youth Ministry

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Youth and Young Adult Minister
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High School Youth Ministry
FiRE House

High School Hangout Nights
Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm
Come join us - movies, games, fun!
High School Drop-In
Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 pm

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!

Confirmation

Parent and Candidate Meeting
Sunday, September 8, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Callahan Center. This is a required meeting for those already registered for Confirmation (parents and candidates).

Save the Date: Mazequest Trip
Friday, October 4, 6:00 - 10:00 pm.

Open to all middle and high school students.

KTF is Back!

After a summer break, the **Keeping the Faith** group is getting ready to start up again, and we want you to join us! It's going to be another great year of diving deep into what the Catholic Church teaches and why.

Ever get tongue-tied when someone criticizes the Catholic Church? Not sure of what to say when someone attacks Church positions from a seemingly rational point of view? Then you're going to love our first KTF topic of the year. We'll be going through the book "*How to Defend the Faith Without Raising Your Voice: Civil Responses to Catholic Hot-Button Issues*". We'll look at topics such as clerical sex abuse, women in the Church and defending the unborn. Not only will you learn good responses to questions you may get, but you'll learn how to conduct a loving and positive dialogue with others about these important issues.

Keeping the Faith meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the AEC. However, our first meeting will be September 19. Since we need to know how many books to order, if you plan to join us, please RSVP to Marie Dekowski at (410) 879-2670 or e-mail her at mdekowski@stmargaret.org.



Education Notes ...

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Middle and High School

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It's Not Too Late!

Now that the kids are back in school and you have a chance to breathe, take a moment to register them for Faith Formation! Middle and High School classes start on Tuesday, September 17 or Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm. Our Wednesday Elementary classes start on September 18 at either 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm, and our Sunday classes start on October 6. Registration forms for all programs are available on our website. Go to www.stmargaret.org and click on the "Ministries" tab. From there, click on either "Children" or "Youth/Teens" for all the information you will need.



Children's Stewardship of Time My good deed this week was: *Helped our grandparents when they were babysitting us.* Children's envelopes are available near the doors of the church, the Callahan Center and in the parish office.

Saint Margaret School

Madeleine Hobik – Principal

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Middle School Campus 410-877-9660

Principal: mhobik@smsch.org

Assistant Principals: ashanahan@smsch.org

and pfederowicz@smsch.org

Admissions: cpleiss@smsch.org

Important Dates for August

Sept. 10: School Board Mtg, 4:15 pm

Sept. 11: MS Drop-off at ES;

Opening Liturgy, Prayer partners

Sept. 12 MS Parent Orientation Mtg, Gr. 6-8; 6:30 pm

News from the Admissions Office

Spaces still are available for school year 2013-2014. Please pass the word to friends and family and call or e-mail Admissions Director Cecilia Pleiss at 410-879-1113 or cpleiss@smsch.org for more specific information. Visit our school website at www.smsch.org. Parents and students are our best referrals!

Essay Contest for Students in Grades 6-12



Our new Holy Father, Pope Francis has inspired us, through words and deeds, to follow Jesus in serving the poor. Write an essay explaining what it means to serve the poor and how you see it happening, or not happening, in our world. Give examples from your own life or the lives of people you know or have heard about. Examples must be true.

- Deadline: November 15, 2013 (Entries must be postmarked no later than this date).
- Entries must be written in English.
- Essays should be between 500-750 words-spelling and grammar count.
- For more information visit: www.maryknollsociety.org/essay. You may submit essays online.

Attention Parents!

The following meetings have been scheduled for all parents:



† **Parent Meeting for Wednesday Elementary Faith Formation** is **Wednesday, September 18** in the Church at either 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm, depending on your child's session

† **Parent Meeting for Middle & High School Faith Formation** is either **Tuesday, September 17** or **Wednesday, September 18**, depending on your student's session, in the Callahan Center at 7:00 pm

† **Parent Meeting for Home Study Students (K-9)** is **Monday, September 30** in the Callahan Center at 7:00 pm

† **Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation** is **Monday, October 7** in the chapel at 6:30 pm or on **Wednesday, October 9** in the church at 1:30 pm, 4:45 pm or 6:45 pm

Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser
August 26 to September 19

The first major fundraiser of the year is sponsored by our teachers. Profits are used to pay for all teacher supplies, copy paper, duplicator maintenance and supplies, furniture, media equipment such as CD players and overhead projectors. More information will be available when students return. Perfect for your fall and winter gift-giving. Please plan on sharing our Yankee Candle sale with friends and family soon.

Annual Birthright Collection

As a prolife faith community, we delight in supporting the unborn and newborn in our area through our local Birthright! Students enjoy selecting items "for the babies" and watching their donations accumulate at school. Needed items include diapers, shampoo, lotion, and clothing, and may be brought to school until **September 11**. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

Fall Festival 2013 SMS Elementary School Campus

September 27 4:30 to 10:30 pm

September 28 Noon to 10:00 pm

September 29 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Each fall, our school community bands together to support this weekend of fun-filled, family events. To be successful we ask each family to work a two hour shift per child in order to cover all of the booth shifts throughout the weekend.



Raffle tickets are now on sale.

Let's all work together to make this our best Festival yet!

Visit our website at www.stmargaret.org