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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 29 FEBRUARY/01 MARCH 2020

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
Closed from 12:00PM until 1:00PM for Lunch

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*
Rev. Brad Doyle (Ext. 111) *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Byrd Corbett (Ext. 108) *Permanent Deacon*
Deacon Tim Messenger (Ext. 149) *Permanent Deacon*
Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*
Lanie Borum (Ext. 101) *Receptionist*
Lucie Hanewinkel (Ext. 103) *Religious Ed Coordinator*
Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*
Ansleigh Barras (Ext. 148) *Youth Minister*
Carol Girdwood (Ext. 152) *Sacramental Coordinator*
St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (Ext. 144)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

4:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
8:00AM (*St. Thomas Chapel, Springfield*)
10:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
5:30PM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

There is no Mass scheduled on Monday!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday Mass

7:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament is offered weekly at 3:00PM on Saturday at St. Margaret Church or by acceptable scheduled appointment.

MARRIAGE: Interested parties should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to their desired date and must complete an acceptable Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM: Contact Carol Girdwood for preliminary information and to schedule a home visit from the Baptism Prep Team.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Visits to the hospitalized and infirm are made regularly. Contact Fr. Jamin for home or hospital visits.

FUNERALS: Call the parish office during normal business hours. After hours, call Mary Hooks at 985.974.1991.

TEMPTATION IN NEW FORM

Three temptations and three humble answers. Jesus is listening to his Abba's words as opposed to the babble of possessions, honor, and pride. He would not desert the great love of his life. The devil had to settle for a triple failure, at least for the time being. He resolved to try again later. Don't you and I have temptations too? Check them out this Lent. What about possessions? Cars, books, clothes, appearance, and so on. You know the kind of list we could each make. And eating too much. Buying too much. Holding our tongue when fairness demands that we speak out. Speaking out

when we should be quiet. OK, these are human foibles but they are also traps. "Look away from God," they say. "He is outmoded anyway. Be interested in yourself. Watch out for yourself, since no one else will." And honors? Do you ever try to please other people

so they will have a good opinion of you ("human respect")? Or, what would happen if your son or daughter were thrown off the team at school? Rage? And so on. We Americans sit at our desks working hard, worrying about meetings and deadlines, wondering if we can live up to our own expectations and those of others. We say we have essential work to do. We are important. Everyone needs us. Often we give in to these temptations. What about you, dear reader? Could this Lent be a good time to unscramble your values? Since God is the most wonderful and loving being anywhere, do you really want to block him out with lesser, undependable attachments that boil down to riches, honors, and pride? If we are trying to be like Jesus this Lent, let us re-balance our priorities. Here is the way Jesus recommended doing it: *Love the Lord your God above all things and love your neighbor as yourself.* -John Kavanaugh, SJ



Events Around the Parish

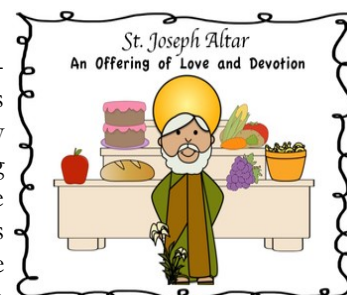


HELP SAVE A LIFE

The Annual Blood Drive is this **Sunday, 01 March 2020** from **9:00AM until 12:00PM**. Help us meet our goal and to keep this great program available to our St. Margaret parishioners. If you cannot make it on Sunday, just drop by the Blood Center in Hammond and make sure to mention our account #D227. Please take the time to donate and remember your donations save lives daily. Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus for organizing this important event.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR NEWS

The St. Joseph Altar Novena begins on Saturday, 07 March 2020. Please refer to the St. Joseph Altar flyer for the complete schedule and for more information. There are receptacles near the entrances of both churches for depositing your prayer intentions which are wholly confidential. A special St. Joseph Altar envelope is included in your March packet of offering envelopes. If you do not regularly receive contribution packets, there are envelopes available near the entrances of both churches labeled "St. Joseph Altar Donations." Please make checks payable to St. Margaret Church. Thank you for your generosity! Blessed St. Joseph votive candles are available at the office or on the day of the altar for a \$5.00 offering. If you wish to bake sweets, prepare a dish for the altar or assist with the altar in other ways, please leave a message for John or Mary Gaeta at 225).567.2193 or 985.507.4908.



LENTEN MEATLESS MEALS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Lenten meal events sponsored by your various service organizations. The dinners will be on 06, 20, 27 March 2020 and 03 April 2020. The meatless meal for 06 March 2020 is fried fish. Monies raised will specifically benefit the youth group's annual "Mission Krewe" and the other sponsoring organizations. Tickets will be available after Mass and in the Parish Office.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Formation Session will be on **Sunday, 08 March 2020** and this month's presentation will be entitled "Throughout These Forty Days: Understanding Lenten Discipline." This session will be held from **11:30AM until 12:30PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Remember that at least one parent must attend a family faith formation session or Theology in a Bottle to stress to their children the importance of putting faith first. Everyone is invited to attend.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Cindy Brasington, Ezekiel Jaleel Broussard, Nancy Campeaux, Morgan Carel, Rosa Flores Castellon, Amber Stillel Cocchiola, Doreen Daniels, Donna Davis, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Peggy Desselle, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Rosemary Ellis, Sister June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Pauline Frisbie, Lynn Gerhardt, Mimi Francis Goelz, Malissa Gonzales, Mary E. Herbert, Hunter Hoffman, Mildred Hoffmann, Tammy Horn, John Huszar, Dustin Jenkins, Kansas Johnson, Carlton Kennedy, Carlos Kepke, May Kimler, Alex Kropog, Helen Kropog, Shirley Lacour, Gregg Mader, T. C. Martan, A. J. Martinez, Andrew Morales, Bill Moran, Edward Murray, Fay Murray, Daisy Rayborn Norman, Rosemary Novak, Sue Novak, Terry Parrino, Glenva Puma, Carl Rabalais, Sylvia Rachal, Ronnie Randazzo, Skipper Rayborn, Carol Rippal, Maverick Ryder, Dutch Schilling, Brittany Stillel, Iris Stillel, Charlie Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver's Children, Sharon Thompson, Rose Threeton, Erin Trent, Liz Varnado, Joe Vilaro, Út Vù, Rita Vuljoin, Glen Wales, Tracey Wascom, Debbie Wheat, Tonya Wheat, Hilma Woods, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who are in need of our prayers.

PRAY & BELIEVE

Want to add someone to the prayer list? Call the parish office for more information.

Want our parishioners to pray for your intentions? Contact Frances Dantin at 225.209.6537 or fdantin@bellsouth.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

First Sunday of Lent — 29 February/01 March 2020

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 29 Feb.
St. Margaret

Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Gilbert Koleszar (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Francis Kronlage (By the Family)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Barbara & Kenny Sherman)

Mike Michon (By Family & Friends)
James, Julia & Jerry Novak (By Jim & Sue Novak)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Aaron Sziszak (By his Mother)
Linda Triche (By the Cardinal Sisters)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

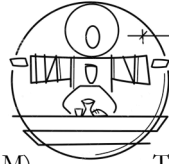
8:00AM
Sun., 01 Mar.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Dominic "Mecu" Arcuri, Jr. (By River Friends)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Adrian & Lorraine Martinez (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)

A. J. Martinez (By Kayla Sharp)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Denise Schilling (By Harry & Linda Oalman)
Kayla Sharp (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM
Sun., 01 Mar.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)



5:30PM
Sun., 01 Mar.
St. Margaret

James Waguespack
(By the Family)

Tues., 03 Mar. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

Wed., 04 Mar. (6:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Evelyn F. Planetta
(By the Family)

Thurs., 05 Mar. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Eric Navarre
(By George & Kim Navarre)

Fri., 06 Mar. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Carolyn Johnson
(By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Joseph Reine** by the Family.

HOLY GHOST DAY OF REFLECTION

The Rosary Altar Society of Holy Ghost Parish will sponsor its annual Day of Reflection on **Thursday, 12 March 2020** from **8:30AM until 12:00PM** at Holy Ghost Catholic Church. Registration will begin at 8:00AM in the church gathering area. Fr. Ryan Hallford, Parochial Vicar of St. Aloysius Parish, will conduct the Day of Reflection. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30AM followed by Fr. Ryan's talk on "Lent: Growing in Holiness." The offering for the day is \$20.00 which includes lunch. Please call Bridget Fugarino at 985.320.8498 to RSVP no later than 09 March 2020.



DISCIPLESHIP MISSION

Parish Mission Our Lenten Mission begins this **Sunday, 01 March 2020 at 6:45PM** and continues on **Monday and Tuesday, 02/03 March 2020 at 6:00PM**. Sister Martha Ann Abshire, a Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady sister, will be our presenter and will speak on discipleship. On Tuesday, our Lenten fellowship will be held after the Mission in the Parish Hall. Please make plans to join us and invite your friends and neighbors to join us in making use of our various spiritual opportunities at St. Margaret throughout the Lenten season.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 22/23 February 2020

Weekly Church Support Collection **\$8,847.00**



The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Building & Maintenance Fund

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1016



Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Adam and Eve are tempted.
Romans 5:12-19
Jesus' obedience overcomes sin.
Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus himself is tempted.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent — 07/08 March 2020
Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 01 March 2020

First Sunday of Lent!

Lenten Meatless Meals Ticket Sales!

9:00AM—Blood Drive, Parish Hall

9:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, St. Thomas Chapel

10:00AM—Rite of Sending, St. Margaret Church

11:00AM—Coffee & Donuts, St. Margaret Church

11:15AM—PSR (K-8), Hall of Saints

12:30PM—Jr. Youth Group, JP II Room

1:00PM—Rite of Election, St. Joseph Cathedral

6:45PM—Lenten Mission, St. Margaret Church

6:45PM—PSR (9-11), Hall of Saints



Monday, 02 March 2020

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Margaret

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Thomas

6:00PM—Lenten Mission, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Penance Service, Our Lady of Pompeii

Tuesday, 03 March 2020

9:30AM—Bible Study, Bosco Room

5:30PM—Hungarian Language Classes, Vianney Room

5:30PM—VBS Team Planning Meeting, Seton Room

6:00PM—Bible Study, Bosco Room

6:00PM—Lenten Mission, St. Margaret Church

7:00PM—Lenten Mission Fellowship, Parish Hall

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Room

7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 04 March 2020

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church

9:00AM—Hungarian Language Class, Vianney Room

6:00PM—Penance Service, Holy Ghost

6:00PM—Penance Service, St. Joseph (Ponchatoula)

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—Youth Group, JP II Room

Thursday, 05 March 2020

5:30PM—Hungarian Language Class, Vianney Room

6:00PM—Youth Group Seniors Supper, Rectory

Friday, 06 March 2020

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret

9:30PM—Hungarian Language Class, Vianney Room

4:00PM—Lenten Meatless Meals, Parish Hall

5:30PM—Stations of the Cross, St. Margaret

Saturday, 07 March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent!

Safe Haven Sunday

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection

Lenten Meatless Meals Ticket Sales!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

A priest went to a local nursing home for his normal visits and communion rounds. This particular nursing home had a wing with Alzheimer's patients in it. He went around from person to person to greet everyone who had gathered for the Mass. He walked up to one lady and asked, "Do you know who I am?" She looked at him and said, "No, but if you go to the front desk, they can tell you!"

Have you ever really stopped to discover how important our identity is? Lots of times we tend to think of our identities as something we've developed, but if you dig deep enough, you come to realize that identity is firmly rooted in relationships. You remember as a kid, people would always refer to you as your mother or father's daughter or son. We even torture kids by asking, "Who is mommy's mommy?" or "Can you tell me who is daddy's sister?" Yes, identity is rather totally relational. You can't be a father or mother if you don't have kids; you can't be a husband or wife without a spouse; you're not a teacher if you don't have students; you're not a citizen if you don't have a country. It turns out that everything we say about "my identity" often emerges from the relationships we enjoy with others. I think that relational identity is important for us to understand today's readings.

How does Jesus deal with these temptations? It's not through brute force or sheer will. Rather, he takes refuge in that relationship that he has with God – an identity that is solely rooted in dependence and identification with God above all. He is content with being hungry, at being vulnerable, and with being powerless all in order to preserve His true identity that only makes sense in relationship to the Father. Trust me, it's not just the devil that seeks to steal our identity. Each day we are besieged by countless advertisements that seek to create in us a sense of lack, insecurity, and inadequacy. This only ultimately undermines our God given identity with some type of promise.

Buy this deodorant and you'll be acceptable. If you have this car, you're truly American. The message of our consumer culture is "You're not enough." You're not skinny enough, smart enough, pretty enough, strong enough, rich enough to deserve respect, love and acceptance.

It's all a damned lie – an attempted identity theft far worse than what we've been trained to fear. The way out is to safeguard our identity by lodging it in God's giftedness. Jesus' death on the cross isn't to make us acceptable to God but to show us that God loves us and has declared that we are treasured. If you're still having trouble with your identity, visit the parish office. Someone here can tell you!