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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12/13 SEPTEMBER 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) *Adult Formation*
Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*
Ansleigh Barras (Ext. 148) *Youth Formation*
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*)
6:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
8:00AM (*St. Thomas Chapel, Springfield*)
10:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
5:30PM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

Daily Masses (St. Margaret Church, Albany)

7:00AM, Monday through Friday
6:00PM, Wednesday

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament is offered weekly at 4:00PM on Thursday 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 Carol Girdwood at 985.974.3313.

A NOT-SO-EASY VIRTUE

In the Gospel reading, Peter wants to know how many times he has to forgive someone who sins against him. What is the number of times, Peter wants to know, that he has to forgive that sinner? But this question is confused. There is no such number as the one Peter is looking for. There is no limit on the number of times we have to forgive someone who has sinned against us. We are able to understand the point of this Gospel story if we see the connection between love and forgiveness. Refusing to forgive is refusing to love, and it is never acceptable not to love. That is why it is never right to withhold forgiveness either. The relation between love and forgiveness also helps us see the difference between forgiving a wrongdoer and enabling him to continue in his wrongdoing. Love wants the good for the beloved. A person who forgives a sinner loves that sinner; and because she loves him, she has a heart for his good. A wife who continues to live with a husband who beats her isn't forgiving him. She's helping him to get worse. There is nothing loving or forgiving about enabling a person to get worse. For her to forgive her husband is for her to want his good, even in the face of his bad treatment of her. But his good requires, first of all, that he stop hurting her, and then that he repent his terrible treatment of her. If he is unrepentant, if he rejects goodness and love, then she can *want* the good for him anyway. But her forgiveness of him will be like a gift that can't be given because he won't receive it. Then the best she can do for him is to keep a distance from him, so



that he doesn't get worse by continuing to hurt her. God's love is like this, too. God's forgiveness is always there, and so is God's love. Because God loves every person, God offers the good to everyone too, no matter what that person's sins may be. God does not keep a careful distance from us when we sin. What stands between us and God is only our own unwillingness to receive the gift God is offering. If we will only not reject it, the gift of God's love and forgiveness will be given to us *and* received. *-Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS "AROUND THE PARISH"

In brief, here are the things happening around the St. Margaret campus this week:

- The Respect Life Committee will be meeting in the Goretto Room on Tuesday, 15 September 2020 at 6:00PM. Just remember to wear your masks and practice social distancing.
- Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Margaret Church on Wednesday. It is followed by Benediction at 5:00PM and evening Mass at 6:00PM.
- RCIA and RCIC have started and will continue to have classes every Wednesday night at 6:30PM in the Hall of Saints until the Easter season. Just remember to wear your masks and practice social distancing.
- The Youth Group has started back up every Wednesday night at 6:30PM in the Hall of Saints. All high school youth are encouraged to join us.
- The Imago Dei Artist Guild will be meeting on **Thursday, 17 September 2020** in the Ignatius Room at **5:30PM**.
- The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be meeting on **Thursday, September 17 2020** in the St. Margaret Room at **6:00PM**.



STILL AMIDST THE STORM

On September 14, September 21, and September 28 from 6:00PM until 7:30PM., Mary Mocsary will lead a discussion of *Still Amidst the Storm: A Family Man's Search for Peace in an Anxious World* by Conor Gallagher. Each session will begin with an ice breaker and door prizes about stress in today's world and how we can find peace. You can reach Mary at 985-320-2730 or mmocsary@selu.edu for more information!

HURRICANE LAURA RECOVERY

St. Margaret is still participating in Hurricane Laura recovery to help our friends and neighbors in Lake Charles. You can give a gift card, a cash contribution, or some of the tangible needs listed in last weekend's bulletin. Parishioners in Lake Charles specifically need work crews to clear debris and to tarp homes. If you're interested, call Fr. Jamin, Fr. Brad or Deacon Tim in the Parish Office!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Ronnie & Lynn Barrosse, Susan Brantley, Cindy Brasington, Ezekiel Jaleel Broussard, Nancy Campeaux, Morgan Carel, Valerie Carpenter, Rosa Flores Castellon, Francis Cicet, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Doreen Daniels, Donna Davis, Hattie Davis, Jojo Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Peggy Desselle, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Rosemary Ellis, Sister June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Gene Fekete, Angie Fletcher, Pauline Frisbie, Lynn Gerhardt, Ruth Giaimis, Wendy Gill, Aubree Glorioso, Malissa Gonzales, Karen Hall, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Hunter Hoffman, Mildred Hoffmann, Tammy Horn, John

Huszar, Dustin Jenkins, Kansas Johnson, Carlton Kennedy, Tracey Kenney, Alex Kropog, Helen Kropog, Shirley Lacour, Lily Lebowitz, Joe Lobue, Connie Louviere, Gregg Mader, T. C. Martan, A. J. Martinez, Andrew Morales, Edward Murray, Fay Murray, Bill Norman, Daisy Rayborn Norman, Rosemary Novak, Sue Novak, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Willie Picou, Glenva Puma, Carl Rabalais, Sylvia Rachal, Ronnie Randazzo, Skipper Rayborn, Tracey Rossie, Maverick Ryder, Dutch Schilling, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith, Brittany Stillely, Charlie Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Jamie Tarver and Joseph Tarver's Children, Sharmon Thompson, Rose Threeton, Michael Trant, Erin Trent, Joe Vilardo, Bobby Vitter, Út Vù, Glen Wales, Tracey Wascom, Debbie Wheat, Tonya Wheat, Lucas Williamson, Hilma Woods, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who are in need of our prayers.

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.



*Within the coming weeks, we will be refreshing our prayer list!
Please call the Parish Office if you would like your name in our weekly prayer blurb!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 12/13 September 2020

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 12 Sep.

Don Bankston (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Marco Becerra (For Healing)
Scott Bernard (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham)
Theresa Christina (By KC Ladies Auxiliary)
Jimmy Darouse (By Donna & Ward Forsberg)
Joyce & Sonny Fedele (By Rosie Sziszak)
Robert Fisackerly, III (By Dana Vutera)
Homer Gaspard (By Friends)
Barbara D. Harrison (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz (By the Family)
Gilbert Koleszar (By Michael & Ramona Jenkins)

John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & Family)
Vernon Landry, Jr. (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Barbara & Kenny Sherman)
Mike Michon (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
Bill Moran (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peggy Richard (By Billy Galloway)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny Sherman)
Sonny Sziszak (By his Wife)



6:00PM

Bob Fisackerly, III (By Maurice & Lillian Oubre)

8:00AM

Sun., 13 Sep.
St. Thomas

Vincent T. Deliberto, Sr. (By the Family)
Doris Haydel (By the Family)
Lawrence Kluka (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By Charlie & Liz Gonzales)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

A. J. Martinez (By the Family)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

10:00AM

Missa Pro Populo (The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

Valentine Langlois (By the Family)

Monday, 14 Sep. ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)

7:00AM **Jimmy Darouse** (By the Family)

Tuesday, 15 Sep. ~ Our Lady of Sorrows (M)

7:00AM **Eric Navarre** (By George & Kim Navarre)

Wednesday, 16 Sep. ~ Saints Cornelius & Cyprian (M)

7:00AM **Lynette Pfiffner** (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

6:00PM **Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)

Thursday, 17 Sep. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM **ICU Nurses, Doctors and Staff** (By Shirley Darouse)

Friday, 18 Sep. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM **Michael Darouse** (By the Family)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Gwen DeLaune** by George & Kim Navarre.

GET YOUR ST. MARGARET MASKS

In the Parish Office we will have St. Margaret logo masks available for purchase for \$8.00! We only have a limited quantity so make sure to get yours as soon as possible! No, they're not cheap, but they keep us safe and stylish during this COVID pandemic!



THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held **Sunday, 20 September 2020** from 6:45PM until 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. Tammy Vidrine will be this month's presenter for her presentation entitled "Don't Just Turn to the

Bottle: Using Faith to Cope in Crisis." Do consider joining us to explore more about our rich faith!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one and feel alone? You are not alone. St. Margaret is hosting a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare and it is held the St. Ignatius of Loyola Room of the Hall of Saints.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1161

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Wise living includes forgiveness

Romans 14:7-9

We are all called to new life in Christ.

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness of one another must be boundless.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 19/20 September 2020

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24,27a;

Matthew 20:1-16a

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 05/06 September 2020

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$9,005.00
Building & Maintenance Collection	\$3,359.00
Helping Hands Ministry	\$4,262.00



The Second Collection next weekend is for our Catechetical Programs at St. Margaret! Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 13 September 2020

- 11:15AM—PSR, Grades K-6, Hall of Saints
- 11:15AM—Circle of Grace, Kindergarten, Hall of Saints
- 6:45PM—PSR, Grades 7-11, Hall of Saints

Monday, 14 September 2020

- 6:00PM—One Book, One Church, Seton Room

Tuesday, 15 September 2020

- 6:00PM—Missions & Retreats Committee, Ignatius Room
- 6:00PM—Respect Life Meeting, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 16 September 2020

- 7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
- 6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room
- 6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room
- 6:30PM—RCIC, Goretti Room
- 6:30PM—Youth Group, JP II Room

Thursday, 17 September 2020

- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
- 5:30PM—Imago Dei Artist Guild, Seton Room
- 6:00PM—CDA Meeting, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 18 September 2020

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 19 September 2020

Religious Education Second Collection!

- 5:00PM—Now Go Forth "Meet & Greet," Parish Hall



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



The work of catechesis in the Parish is never limited to the pastor alone. The cooperation of many lay leaders is necessary to continuously spread the faith. Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on **20 September 2020** this year. Fr. Jamin will even offer our catechists a special blessing. Join us in thanking these men and women for their com-

mitment and sacrifice to preach the Gospel! We thank our catechists for their hard work!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Parishioners of St. Margaret and throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge have been generous in their initial response to assist those who have been affected by Hurricane Laura. As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, our friends in Lake Charles could really use your help. Here are some ways that you can continue to assist:

- 1. Continue to Give.** You have been generous in your outreach thus far. When Bishop Duca and I visited last weekend, I brought a check for \$18k+ to Bishop Provost to assist the Diocese of Lake Charles in their efforts. I also brought \$3k in gift cards from St. Margaret and \$1,600 in gift cards from our daughter parish of Immaculate Conception in Denham Springs. You can bring a gift card to the office or place one in the collection. These provide immediate relief directly to families. Or you can give a cash donation at stmargaretstthomas.com/give or at [paypal.me/stmargaretalbany](https://www.paypal.me/stmargaretalbany)
- 2. Donated Goods.** We are collecting certain goods to assist with recovery. Margaret is also serving as one of the diocesan staging areas to assist with pick up and delivery. A list of goods that are needed and when to bring them to us are found on our website: <https://stmargaretstthomas.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/A-Disaster-Risk-and-Crisis-Management-Forum.pdf>
- 3. Work Crews.** Manpower and woman power are perhaps needed most. Many hands make light work, and this is an extremely helpful and immediate way to provide relief. These crews can help with removing fallen trees and debris, demolition for damaged buildings, and other manual labor. Providing large quantities of meals for folks are also helpful. If you're interested in joining a St. Margaret crew, email us at stmargaret@diobr.org or call the parish office and let Lanie know.
- 4. A Diocesan Effort.** All of this is being done with other parishes as a concerted, diocesan effort. A committee for disaster recovery has been created in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, and Fr. Jamin and Fr. Ryan Hallford are instrumental parts of this committee. Check out some of those efforts or even offer help at the website: <https://sites.google.com/view/brhurricanelaurarelief/home>

Fr. Ruben Buller and Bishop Provost, during our Saturday visit, commented that he is utterly impressed and overwhelmed by the generosity of St. Margaret and for the organization of our diocesan efforts which have already brought a tremendous impact to their community. Let us continue to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ preaching the Gospel with our hands and hearts!

Fr. Jamin