



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

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OFFICE HOURS

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

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Very Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*
Rev. Paul Gros (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 Munn (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*)
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

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament is offered weekly at 4:00PM on Thursday and on Saturday at 3:00PM 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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17/18 JULY 2021

SEARCHING AMONG MANY VOICES

Who are these miserable shepherds, these failures, with whom God is so indignant? Well, you can tell who they are by what God is angry at in them. They are the human beings who have not cared for the sheep, and those sheep are God’s people. Well, what did the shepherds fail to do when they failed to care for the sheep? They didn’t help the sheep get nurture; they drove the sheep away. They led the sheep in wrong directions. They scattered the sheep, so that instead of being one flock, the sheep were divided against each other into diverse small groups. So think about it this way. Do you lust for someone who is not your spouse? Do you think you are caring for one of God’s children when you do? Do you smoke and overeat? What impact do your bad habits have on God’s children? Is there no one of God’s people who will grieve over you when you get sick? Do you laze around and waste your gifts by doing nothing? Do you

spend your time on foolish, frivolous things that help nobody? Do you think you are caring for God’s people when you do? Do you gossip and undermine the reputation of others? Do you sow discord in your neighborhood, in your church, in your family? Are you a divisive presence in your community? Do you think you are caring for God’s children when you are? Surely no one of us is so benighted as to suppose that God’s thundering against miserable shepherds is meant only for priests who aren’t good enough. That thundering is a warning for each one of us. Every person has many of God’s children in his care. The woman who empties your trash at work, the child in the row behind you who kicks your seat on the plane, the annoying non-stop talker at your dinner table, your old and highly inadequate mother, your very imperfect spouse—each of these is one of God’s children, and each of them is in your care—a little or maybe even a lot. All these are people that we ourselves shepherd—always with our Shepherd, whose grace we need to do it well. Let us be careful not to be miserable shepherds for him. *-Eleonore Stump*

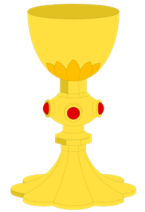


Events Around the Parish

Have YOU
Thought About
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

CALLING NEW CATHOLICS

Ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Well you are in luck! Our RCIA and RCIC sessions are beginning soon! So if you know anyone who wants to enter the Church, bring them to the sessions with you. For more information, call Fr. Jamin, Lucie or Ansleigh in the Parish Office, or contact RCIA coordinator Sandy Raborn at 225.567.3721.



TRAVEL WITH THE CHALICE

We need YOU to continue to pray that more workers respond to be a part of His rich harvest! Consider bringing the traveling chalice for vocations home one weekend! After praying with the chalice in your home for the week, you will bring the chalice back to the parish office on Friday so that the next family will have the opportunity to do the same. Many spots are currently available. Contact Lanie at the parish office to sign up soon! Your prayers and support not only help encourage young people in our parish but are invaluable in assisting our seminarians currently enrolled in seminary in their continual discernment! We need more laborers to generously serve in procuring his harvest!



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021/2022

The purpose of the St. Margaret Pastoral Council is to provide a mechanism for the active cooperation of the clergy, religious and laity in the planning and administration of parish affairs and ministries. This consultative body assists Fr. Jamin in planning and policy making within the parish. Seven discerned members from the parish serve on the Council, and new members are discerned by the outgoing members annually. One staff person serves as a liaison to the Council, and a youth representative can also be discerned. Our current members and the commission they chair include: Jennifer

Batson (Administration), Lynn Garro (Education), Evelyn Moreland (Education), Susan Martin (Evangelization & Worship), Gina Little (Service Ministries), Kelly Yuhasz (Service Ministries), and Butch Marchinko (Evangelization & Worship). Mary Hanks serves as the Youth Representative to the Council while Mary E. Herbert serves as the staff liaison. All clergy with active assignment to St. Margaret serve *ex officio* as well including Fr. Paul and Deacons Tim and Byrd. Many thanks to our Council for their service and leadership at St. Margaret!

MISSION KREWE STARTS SOON!



Many young people from our parish will embark on their annual Mission Krewe experience this year on 23 July 2021 as they learn more about faith and service as members of Christ's Church. Please pray for these young leaders of our community as they tangibly live our their faith!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1138

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Israel awaits the shepherd who brings justice and security.

Ephesians 2: 13-18

Christ establishes peace and reconciliation.

Mark 6:30-34

The shepherd models compassion.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24/25 July 2021
2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, Batty Family, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Elise Fischer, Wendy Gill, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Dan Huszar, Kansas Johnson, Lily Lebowitz, Stephanie Livingston, Joe Lobue, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Jessica Miller, Anita Murray, Rosemary Novak, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Ronnie Randazzo, Adam Robert, Sr., Dutch Schilling, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Joe Vilardo, Brent J. Waguespack, Sr. and Family, Lonnie Wascom, Troy Wichterich, Gabby Young, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 17/18 July 2021

4:00PM Vigil
 Sat., 17 July
 St. Margaret

Alice Babin (By *Addie W. Evans*)
Philip Brabham (By *Lydia Brabham & Family*)
Anastasia Broggi (By *the Family*)
Karen Chemay (By *Mark Chemay*)
Veronica Chenier (By *Chuck & Sandy Raborn*)
Pauline Frisbie (By *Alex & Royanne Kropog*)
Homer Gaspard (By *Wife & Family*)
Carole Horton (By *Addie W. Evans*)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By *the Family*)
Gerald & Elizabeth Kelly (By *Alex & Royanne Kropog*)
Francis Kronlage (By *Alberta Kronlage & Family*)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By *Pete Pfiffner & Family*)
Ray J. Louviere (By *Kenny & Barbara Sherman*)
Jill Michon (By *Bill & Frances Dantin*)

Mike Michon (By *Mary Ann Michon*)
Joann Faldetta Nelson (By *Sal & Elvie Faldetta*)
William T. O'Brien III (By *Kenny & Barbara Sherman*)
Lynette Pfiffner (By *Pete Pfiffner & Family*)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By *Pete Pfiffner & Family*)
Mary Resetar (By *Marjorie Resetar*)
Steve Resetar (By *Marjorie Resetar*)
Millie Rizzo (By *Addie W. Evans*)
Frank & Denise Schilling (By *Danny Deslatte*)
Anne Sherman (By *Kenny & Barbara Sherman*)
Aaron Sziszak (By *His Mother*)
Sonny Sziszak (By *His Wife*)
Harry Wilder (By *Cher Arceneaux*)

8:00AM
 Sun. 18 July
 St. Thomas

Anthony & Anna Friedman (By *the Family*)
Judy Friedman (By *the Family*)
Pauline Frisbie (By *the Family*)
Doris Haydel (By *A.J. & Cindy Martinez*)
Melissa Labranche (By *the Family*)
John LaGrange (By *Edie & Family*)

Charlie Martin (By *Ethel Lobell*)
Adrian & Lorraine Martinez (By *A. J. & Cindy Martinez*)
Joan McKinney (By *Brenda Bailey*)
Steve Prokop, Sr. (By *the Degenhardt Family*)
Patrick Tobin (By *the Family*)

10:00AM
 St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
 (The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
 St. Margaret

Eric Navarre
 (By *George & Kim Navarre*)

Mon., 19 July (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Jimmy & Michael Darouse
 (By *the Family*)

Tues., 20 July (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Paula & Anna Distefano
 (By *Joe Distefano*)

Wed., 21 July (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Frances Reine
 (By *the Family*)



Thurs., 22 July (7:00AM)
St. Mary Magdalene (F)
Joseph Reine
 (By *the Family*)

Friday, 23 July (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Valentine Langlois
 (By *the Family*)

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



Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021/2022

The purpose of the Parochial Finance Council is to assist the pastor in budget planning for the parish and to examine its financial performance and viability on a monthly and annual basis. The Council serves as a consultative body to the Pastor for planning and policy making with regard to finance in the parish. The Pastor and Finance Council always seek a consensus of decision making on matters of financial expenditure within the Parish through prayer, dialogue, and mutually respectful listening and the expression of honest opinion. Members of the Finance Council include: **Chuck Raborn, Sr., Tammy Resetar, Darlene Scioneaux, Robert Tarifa, Mike Sharp, Helen Philips, and Chad Beard.** **Gina Little** serves as the representative of the Pastoral Council to the Finance Council and **Mary E. Herbert** serves as the Staff Liaison. All clergy assisting Fr. Jamin including Fr. Paul and Deacons Tim and Byrd are also members *ex officio*. We thank these members of our community of faith who serve in this important role!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFICATION

On Tuesday, 20 July 2021, the St. Margaret Knights of Columbus will welcome their newest members **Jayce Raborn and Matthew Young**. If you are interested in joining our council, please visit kofc.org or contact Grand Knight Glenn Young at 225.567.1468 or Francis Ivanyisky at 225.567.4968 for more information. The Knights of Columbus are a wonderful service-oriented men's organization that provides wonderful services not only at St. Margaret but throughout our country and our world.



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 10/11 July 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$11,725.00
Annual Mission Appeal Collection	\$5,493.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 18 July 2021

Youth Group Second Collection!

Monday, 19 July 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

- 9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room
- 5:00PM—Respect Life Committee, Goretta Room
- 6:00PM—Consecration to St. Joseph, Vianney Room
- 7:00PM—KC Exemplification, Ignatius Room

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

- 7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
- 6:00PM—YG Summer Gathering, John Paul II Room
- 6:00PM—Finance Council Meeting, Vianney Room

Thursday, 22 July 2021

- Parish Office Closed Today!*
- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

Friday, 23 July 2021

Mission Krewe Begins Today!

Saturday, 24 July 2021

- Happy Birthday Deacon Tim!*
- 3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



DIVINE BEAUTY GIRLS RETREAT

The Divine Beauty Girls Retreat will provide young girls with an opportunity to experience a weekend of prayer and faith formation with other Catholic teens. The retreat will be held on **Friday, 30 July 2021** at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in St. Amant. The cost for the day is \$55, and the deadline to register is July 19. The focus of this retreat is womanhood and virtue including topics such as health, hygiene, normal versus abnormal reproductive issues, motherhood, and above all Mother Mary, who is our model of virtue and womanhood. Participants' mothers are welcome to attend. More information about this event can be found at Holy Rosary Church's website. Come and enjoy a weekend with other young women who experience and live the faith just like you!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

There was much banter online and in social media this week about diocesan policies that would be operative at the start of the academic year in August 2021 in our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. In case you heard anything about it, allow me to share with you the words of Bishop Duca's clarifying letter dated 15 July 2021:

"Protecting our brothers and sisters and providing a healthy and safe environment for all, especially for our children, faculty, and staff of our Catholic Schools, are chief concerns of our Church. Offering this protection has been the motivating principle guiding the creation of policies and procedures for our churches and schools throughout this pandemic.

On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, the Catholic Schools Office promulgated its *Back to School Policy* in an effort to reopen our schools in person and on time, all while providing consistency in protocols to manage safe operations. Now that the state superintendent of education has clarified the department's return-to-school guidelines as being recommendations and not requirements, we have reconsidered elements of the policy that was distributed earlier this week.

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge will return to classes in August adopting the following protocols:

- Masks will be optional;
- There is no requirement to prove vaccination status;
- Field trips and elementary sports programs will be resumed;
- Daily temperature checks will be eliminated;
- Guidance will be reexamined regarding other protocols including quarantine and physical distancing.

We will begin the school year in this way. I must be upfront that these guidelines are always subject to change based on circumstances in our communities related to COVID-19, new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Louisiana State Department of Education, and our experience in the classroom.

My office has received and heard the concerns of parents – the first teachers of their children – and other concerned members of the community regarding the difficulties of creating a safe environment for children amid changing variables. As your bishop, I promise to re-evaluate these and any other guidelines as necessary for the duration of this health crisis."

I hope that brings you clarity about what current diocesan policy really says. These surely are some challenging times!

Father Farni