



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10/11 SEPTEMBER 2022

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*

Deacon Randall Waguespack *Permanent Deacon*

Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*

Tammy Resetar (Ext. 101) *Receptionist*

Lucie Hanewinkel (Ext. 103) *Adult Formation*

Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*

Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*

Ansleigh Munn (Ext. 112) *Youth Minister*

Landon Goings (Ext. 113) *Sacraments & Catechesis*

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 the parish office 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.

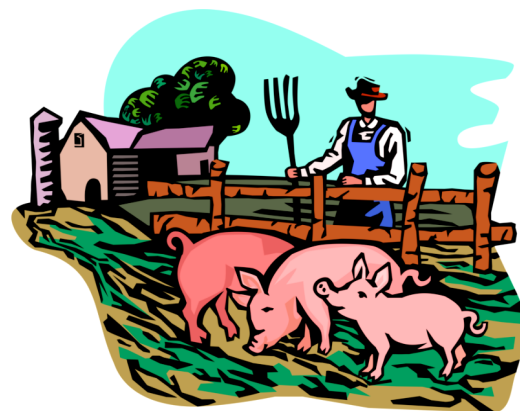
FUNERALS: Call the parish office during normal business hours. After hours, please leave a message on the emergency line at extension 106.

HE WELCOMES US (SINNERS)

The whole thing is disconcerting. So it must have been to those priests and writers, the pharisees and scribes, who murmured when tax collectors and sinners—of all people—were gathering around to hear Jesus. “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Har-rumph. Then he regales us with stories of a lost penitent, more celebrated than 99 of us righteous, and a recovered coin more pleasing to the angels than nine coins never lost. As a final insult, Jesus caps off his sermon with the story of that spoiled kid. If one of my siblings returned from a wild and woolly time, I probably would have sulked and stayed away from the party too. I would have made it quite clear that I was not enjoying the music and dance. And I wonder: Would I also refuse to join the joy, even if my father pleaded with me? Would I listen to his words? “My son, you are with me always, and everything I have is yours.” Would he have to remind

me of my own blindness? Of my squandering of life? Of my reluctance to celebrate the good? Of my own sinfulness? Each of us, in little and large ways, ought to be thankful for unmerited love and leave the accounting to God. There is something good in the worst of us

and something bad in the best of us, my own father used to say. He too had a point. Perhaps that is why repentance is always the start of good news. Perhaps that is why our song of God’s glory so aptly follows the confession of our sins. Glorifying in God’s loving forgiveness calls forth a third son or daughter in us. This would be the one who, after a life of bright fidelity, generous sacrifice, and courage in the face of great odds, comes to the heavenly banquet and sees a spectrum of other children there. Some of them have had a far easier time of it on earth. Others seem surprised at being there themselves. A few (many? all?) really didn’t even deserve to be there. To each God says, “Welcome, dear and precious one; all I have is yours.” -*John Kavanaugh, SJ*



Events Around the Parish

JOIN US FOR OUR BOOK STUDY!



All men and women in the parish are invited to participate in our upcoming book study! The group will meet in the Hall of Saints on the following Monday evenings: **12, 19 and 26 September** and **03 October 2022** at **6:00PM**. The group will read collectively *Forming*

Intentional Disciples by Sherry A. Weddell. Registration forms and additional information are available on the website and in the parish office. Joining One Book, One Church is a wonderful way that you can learn more about your faith with other members of our community!

FLU CLINIC THIS SUNDAY

St. Margaret will host a Flu Clinic this **Sunday, 11 September 2022** from **9:00AM until 12:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Release forms will be available on site. Come this Sunday to get your flu shot, and remember to bring your insurance card!



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next session of Family Faith Formation will be on **Sunday, 25 September 2022** at **11:15AM**. The topic presented by Deacon Joseph Bresowar will be **"An Instruction for Christian Households: Ephesians 5"**. This session will be in the St. Ignatius Room in the Hall of Saints. At least one parent per student is required to attend each session, though it is preferable that both parents attend these sessions. Indeed, all parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate to learn more about their faith!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

St. Margaret's Young Adult Ministry seeks to integrate faith with fun to provide spiritual enrichment for a much-overlooked demographic in the Catholic Church. We will have a Young Adult Social Gathering on **Saturday, 17 September 2022** at **5:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Join us to connect with other young adults in our community! Contact the parish office to find out more information!



THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next session of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be on **Sunday, 18 September 2022** at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Deacon Joseph Bresowar will be presenting "Pervasively Potent: Sacraments—Outward Signs of Invisible Realities." Spread the word about learning more about your faith!



HELP OUR CORE TEAM

Did you know that every youth group meeting we share a meal? This is made possible by our Core Team and generous parishioners! Sometimes it is a Cane's tailgate and others it is homemade spaghetti! This is one way to support our youth here at St. Margaret. We hope you consider bringing them a meal at one of their youth events! Check out our Sign Up Genius to see when we need help. If you would rather help donate items or set up/clean up, there are opportunities for that also! Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044caaf2da6f94-fall1 or scan the QR code!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Kristie Cleveland, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Frances Dantin, Hattie Davis, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Wendy Gill, Frank Goelz, Kathleen Green, Mary E. Herbert, Tommy Hebert, Patty Hubert, Kansas Johnson, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Lebovitz Family, Gregg Mader, Fr. Jerry Martin, Penny McCallister, Butch Meche, Rose Mary Novak, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Pete Pfiffner, Carl & Jackie Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Brittany Stilley, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Joe Vilardo, 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 Rose Mary Novak at 985.507.7487.



IGNATIAN PRAYER SERIES

Ladies of St. Margaret, St. Joseph's Catholic Church is offering the Ignatian Prayer Series, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray." What exactly is it? It is a program based on the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants pray, reflect, and journal on assigned Scriptures daily (for about 15 minutes). The group meets weekly to pray, share, and learn about Ignatian prayer. Lord, Teach Me to Pray is not a Bible study. The series helps participants to grow closer to our Lord by listening with our hearts to discover what He wants us to hear through His Word. Please join them for the next sessions, which start on **Tuesday, 13 September 2022 at 8:45AM** in the St. Joseph Church Conference Room. For more information or to sign up, please contact Terri Huguet at 504.450.5459 or email terrisplace@ymail.com. To learn more about the series, please visit lordteachmetoprayer.com.



HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped numerous couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about the program or to register for the September cohort beginning with a weekend on **16-18 September 2022**, please call 225.271.4092 or you can email Batrouge@helpourmarriage.org, or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities will be providing high-quality, professional counseling offered by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), at St. Albert the Great Catholic Student Center in Hammond. Services include individual, marriage and family counseling. Face to face and virtual appointments are available, a number of health insurances are accepted, there is a sliding fee scale for those without insurance, and services available to people of all faiths. For more information, visit <https://www.ccdiobr.org/what-we-do/mental-health-counseling/behavioral-health-services/> Please call 225.336.8708 to make an appointment.

WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CLINIC

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM? Woman's New Life Clinic invites applications for a full-time or part-time professional counseling position in our Baton Rouge clinic. Applicants must demonstrate proficiencies in providing crisis counseling; assessment; counseling and intervention services applicable to women and couples experiencing unplanned pregnancy, posttraumatic stress, grief and/or depression related to pregnancy loss; and other related behavioral and emotional issues. Applicants must be willing to work within a multidisciplinary team environment. Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in a mental health related field (psychology, social work, counseling, rehabilitation counseling) with at least one year experience. To learn more about the clinic or positions, email ssaavedra@womansnewlife.com.

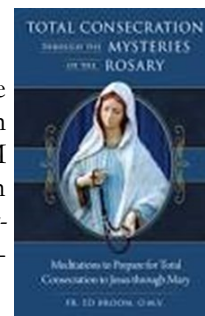


LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Marian Servants of the Visitation will present Life in the Spirit Seminar, a fresh encounter. Renew your spirit and receive new gifts of the Holy Spirit. The seminar will be on **Mondays at 5:30PM to 7:30PM** starting **10 October 2022 through 21 November 2022** in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Ministry Building. Topics include God's Love, Salvation, New Life, Receiving God's Gift, Baptism in the Spirit, and Growth & Transformation. For more information, text Paulette at 985.320.0208.

MARIAN CONSECRATION

"If the Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Mother of Jesus, insisted six times on the daily recitation of the Rosary, it must be of prime importance for our salvation." – Fr. Ed Broom, O.M.V. Sessions will be on Wednesday evenings beginning 28 September 2022 through 02 November 2022 from 6:30PM until 8:00PM in the St. Dominic Room of the Ministry Building at St. Joseph Church in Ponchatoula. The Consecration Ceremony will be on 02 November 2022 following the weekly session. Copies of the book *Total Consecration Through The Mysteries of the Rosary* can be purchased at Heavenly Gifts. For more information please contact Ron Huguet at 504.232.2484 or at ronhuguet@outlook.com.



MASS INTENTIONS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 10/11 September 2022

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 10 Sep.
St. Margaret

William Arpan, II (By the Family)
Sarah Bankston (By Marie & Bill Prokop)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Phillip Clifton (By Kevin & Louis Schilling)
Leon Dauterive, Jr. (By the Fleur de Lis)
Robert Fisackerly, III (By the Family)
Scott Fisackerly (By the Family)
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Gayle & Paul Gremillion)
Homer Gaspard (By His Grandchildren)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier)
Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta & Family)
Leann Collet (By Joe Ticheli, Marie Bordelon, Paula Monk & Family)

Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Irene Mary Leon (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Adam Mocsary (By the Family)
George & Josie Mocsary (By the Family)
Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
June Koles Olah (By JuJu's Bunch)
Lynette Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Bill Rogers, Jr. (By Mike & Betty Rogers & Sisters)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
David & Lori Landry Smith (By Barbara & Rodley Henry)

8:00AM

Sun., 11 Sep.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Adam Cyrier (By Ron & Carol Cyrier Fatcher)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
Dorothy Seller Guillory (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)

John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)
Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)
Charles & Marie Stumpf (By Kerry & Robyn Landeche)
Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM

St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

St. Margaret

June Koles Olah

(By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Mon., 12 Sep. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Vincent A. Palisi

(By the Family)

Tue., 13 Sep. (7:00AM)

St. John Chrysostom (M)

Anthony LaMonica

(By Virginia LaMonica)

Wed., 14 Sep. (7:00AM)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)

Anna & Paula Distefano

(By Joe Distefano)



Thu., 15 Sep. (7:00AM)

Our Lady of Sorrows (M)

Joseph Reine

(By the Family)

Fri., 16 Sep. (7:00AM)

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian (M)

Those Enrolled in Bishop Greco Foundation

(By the Louisiana Knights of Columbus)

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



MARCH FOR LIFE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be a March for Life information meeting to plan for the 2023 pilgrimage on **Thursday, 29 September 2022** at **5:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. If you are interested in going to March for Life, you must attend this meeting! We hope to see you there!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1163

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses implores and is granted God's mercy.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul's own life is an example of God's mercy.

Luke 15:1-32

God is merciful, especially toward the repentant.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 17/18 September 2022

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

STAFF MEETING THIS WEEK

Our monthly Staff Meeting will be this week on **Wednesday, 14 September 2022**. The Parish Office will be closed on this day from **9:00AM until 1:00PM**. If you have any business to take care in the office or with our office staff, please do so before or after this time! Thanks for your consideration!



MARRIED 25, 50, OR OVER 65 YEARS?

If you are celebrating 25, 50 or over 65 years of wedded marital bliss this year, "Happy Anniversary!" The Diocese of Baton Rouge would like to honor your loving commitment to each other! Please contact Tammy in the Parish Office to tell us more about your marriage!



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 03/04 September 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$10,640.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Collection	\$3,932.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The special collection next weekend is for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11 September 2022

Catholic University of America Special Collection!

KC Chicken Dinner Ticket Sales!

9:00AM—Flu Clinic, Parish Hall

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Grade K), Hall of Saints

6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

Monday, 12 September 2022

5:30PM—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Seton Room

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

Tuesday, 13 September 2022

9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room

6:00PM—Fall Festival Planning Meeting, Seton Room

Wednesday, 14 September 2022

Parish Office Closed from 9:00AM until 1:00PM!

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

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Seton Room

6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room

6:30PM—RCIA, Seton Room

6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree Meeting, Goretti Room

Thursday, 15 September 2022

11:00AM—KC Chicken Dinner Fundraiser, Parish Hall

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

5:30PM—Vocations Committee, Ignatius Room

5:30PM—CDA Rosary, Seton Room

6:00PM—Catholic Daughters Meeting, Seton Room

6:00PM—The Bible Timeline Study, Hall of Saints

Friday, 16 September 2022

9:00AM—Food Distribution Registration, Seton Room

Saturday, 17 September 2022

St. Vincent de Paul Special Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

5:00PM—Young Adult Ministry Gathering, Parish Hall



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In today's Gospel, Jesus squarely looks at the Pharisees and asks, "If someone squandered away half your life's savings, even if he was your son, would you throw him a party to welcome him home?" Lots of people I'm sure would answer NO - he needs some tough love! I think Jesus is trying to illustrate an image of God and His joy when one of the lost comes back to him. God's joy is like a raucous party: heaven literally goes wild. The Gospel invites us to imitate our lives after the shepherd who goes after his lost sheep, or the woman who goes after her coin, or the father who welcomes his son home: to forgive, to forget, and to joyfully celebrate because what was lost is now found - all without grumbling or complaining.

Who do we most identify with in today's parables? Are we the sinner - the one who wastes his life by squandering everything we have, sparing no expense? Are we the older brother - do we sneer when we see someone walk to communion who really shouldn't receive it? Or are we the loving father - the party animal - the one who throws a great feast when we recognize the joy of the conversion of one of our loved ones?

Today's Gospel challenges our image of God: He's not an unforgiving taskmaster who keeps track of all the bad and dumb things we do. He's a shepherd who works overtime to bring us back. He's a woman who is overjoyed at recovering something precious. He's a loving father who watches out for us even when we're a long way off. No matter how far we stray, he never stops reaching out to us and throws a party when we return.

We can complain about the sinners around us, their behavior, and how outrageous they are. Or we can throw a party over their repentance without grumbling. But you know what the most outrageous thing of all is with this new image of our God: it's those same people, those sinners, who get into God's kingdom before us good ones!

As you heard me mention last weekend, we will be partnering with Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge to offer a monthly food distribution to qualifying residents of our area who could use some extra assistance. We'll need some folks to help with registration later this week; we'll need others to help unload the truck on delivery day; we'll need still others to help sort boxes and others to assist clients the day of the event. Really, we just need HELP and volunteers every month. If this is a way that you can give back to the community, email me or Tammy with how you can help and we'll let you know when to show up. It's really that simple!

Father Jimmie

