



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*
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. 113) *Youth Minister*
Landon Goings (Ext. 112) *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.

ONE JUST LIKE ME

We might think that the sin just is the rich man’s failure to feed the poor man. But the parable doesn’t actually say whether the poor man gets any food from the rich man. Notice too that if not feeding the hungry is the sin of the rich man, then the parable could stop near its beginning, when it tells us that the poor man hung around the house of the rich man and the rich man went to hell when he died. But the parable doesn’t stop there. It continues for a good while. In hell, the rich man sees that the poor man is comforted in the bosom of Abraham, and he says to Abraham: send the poor man to bring me a little water. Notice that the rich man is talking to Abraham, not to the poor man; and he is asking Abraham to *command* the poor man. He wants Abraham to make the poor man leave the comfort of Abraham’s bosom, find his way into the flames of hell, and bring a bit of water to himself, even though he will be thirsty again almost immediately. Clearly, the rich man thinks no trouble for the poor man is too much if it brings a little something for the rich man. When Abraham won’t agree to this request, the rich man makes another request. He asks Abraham to send the poor man to his brothers, to warn them. In making this request on behalf of his brothers, the rich man still is talking only to Abraham. He spares a thought for the poor man only when he is figuring out how to make use of him. If not for bringing water to hell, then why not for bringing messages to earth? And now we can see the sin of the rich man, can’t we? The poor man is a human person just like the rich man, but the rich man can’t see it. The rich man doesn’t talk directly to the poor man because he doesn’t see the poor man as a person in his own right. Insofar as he thinks of the poor man at all, it is only to calculate how the poor man could be used to benefit himself. It wouldn’t matter if the rich man had in fact fed the poor man when they were both living if he had done so in this frame of mind, would it? The sin is the failure ever to think “He is a man just like me.” -*Eleonore Stump*



Events Around the Parish

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. Margaret 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!



MARCH FOR LIFE 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!

JOIN US AT THOMAS' TABLE

Thomas' Table provides support to the parish and civic community so that we can be proactive rather than reactive before calamity strikes. Our next planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, 29 September 2022** at **5:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. Not ironically, St. Thomas – our secondary patron – is the patron saint of chefs! Interested in cooking up a storm? Or are you willing to help us mobilize when we need to respond? This, indeed, is your ministry! Please join us!



LECTOR WORKBOOKS FOR 2023 HAVE ARRIVED



Our lector workbooks that aid our lectors in proclaiming God's word at our Eucharistic celebrations are available now in the sacristy of both St. Margaret and St. Thomas. All currently scheduled lectors are welcome to pick up their copy of the workbook today. If you are interested in becoming a lector at our churches, contact Heidi Comish or David Drude - the ministry chairpersons - for more details! We can always use more ministers willing to boldly proclaim God's Word in our assembly and we are grateful to all our current ministers for their diligence and service!

WELCOME PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Terence Arthur, Jr. & Morgan Savoy; Anne & Sidney Guedry, Jr.; Daisy & James Benoit and Amelia Bergeron; and Christopher, Amanda, Claire, Grace, Brigid, and Joseph O'Neill.** Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to “officially” register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God's love!



CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Kristie Cleveland, Amber Stillely 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 Piffner, Carl & Jackie Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Brittany Stillely, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24/25 September 2022

4:00PM Vigil **William Arpan, II** (By the Family)
 Sat., 24 Sep. **Sarah Bankston** (By Edmond & Linda Harris)
 St. Margaret **Lynda Manno Baugher** (By William & Susan Gros)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Cheryl Brothers (By George & Kim Navarre)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Phillip Clifton (By Kevin & Louis Schilling)
Leon Dauterive, Jr. (By the Fleur de Lis)
Daniel John Dietrick (By William & Susan Gros)
Anna & Paula Distefano (By Joe Distefano)
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Gayle & Paul Gremillion)
Homer Gaspard (By the Family)
Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Valentine Langlois (By the Family)
Leann Collet (By Joe Ticheli, Marie Bordelon, Paula Monk & Family)

8:00AM **Jerry Adamcewicz** (By the Family)
 Sun., 25 Sep. **Benjamin Delaune** (By George & Kim Navarre)
 St. Thomas **Pauline Frisbie** (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

10:00AM **Missa Pro Populo**
 St. Margaret (The Mass for All Parishioners)

Mon., 26 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Adam Mocsary
 (By St. Margaret Parishioners)

Thu., 29 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Sts. Michael & Raphael (F)
Lynette Pfiffner
 (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Tue., 27 Sep. (7:00AM)
 St. Vincent de Paul (M)
Albert J. Herbert
 (By the Family)

Fri., 30 Sep. (7:00AM)
 St. Jerome (M)
Jimmy & Michael Darouse
 (By the Family)

Irene Mary Leon (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Kelsey Martin (By Rose Mary Novak)
Adam Mocsary (By the Family)
Eric Navarre (By George & Kim Navarre)
Dustin Novak (By Rose Mary Novak)
Henry Novak (By Rose Mary Novak)
Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
June Koles Olah (By JuJu's Bunch)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Emily Quintana (By Ward & Donna Forsberg)
Bill Rogers, Jr. (By Mike & Betty Rogers & Sisters)
Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
David & Lori Landry Smith (By Barbara & Rodley Henry)

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

5:30PM **Herbert Family Grandparents**
 St. Margaret (By the Family)

Wed., 28 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Anna & Paula Distefano
 (By Joe Distefano)



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

SIGN UP TO 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/70a044caaaf2da6f94-fall1 or scan the QR code!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1169



Amos 6:1a, 4-7

*Warning to those who ignore
the needs of others.*

1 Timothy 6:11-16

The time to respond in discipleship is now.

Luke 16:19-31

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 01/02 October 2022

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14;

Luke 17:5-10



NEWLY BAPTIZED CATHOLICS
 Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of September including **River Kraft**. May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Landon Goings in the Parish Office if you're interested in having your child baptized!

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 17/18 September 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$11,384.00
St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection	\$9,448.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend will be to support Building & Maintenance Fund!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 25 September 2022

Religious Education Second Collection!

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
 11:15AM—Family Faith Formation, St. Margaret Room
 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints
 6:45PM—Circle of Grace (Grade 11), Hall of Saints

Monday, 26 September 2022

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

Tuesday, 27 September 2022

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

Wednesday, 28 September 2022

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
 6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room
 6:30PM—RCIA, Seton Room
 6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 29 September 2022

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
 5:00PM—Thomas' Table Meeting, Seton Room
 5:30PM—M4L Information Meeting, John Paul II Room
 6:00PM—The Bible Timeline Study, Hall of Saints

Friday, 30 September 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 01 October 2022

*Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!
 Hungarian Harvest Dance!*
 3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



HUNGARIAN HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Hungarian Harvest Dance will begin at **6:00PM** on **Saturday, 01 October 2022** in the St. Margaret Parish Hall.

Tickets are limited! Traditional Hungarian dinners will be available to pick up at 5:00PM for \$10. For more information, contact Marcia McKnight at marciamcknight1987@gmail.com. St. Margaret is once again looking forward to welcoming our friends back home to the Parish Hall!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

I always find it amazing that in many Church parishes of which I was a part, the administration always had a way of “dealing” with the poor with certain protocols. In our society, it can be extremely difficult to figure out who is poor in the first place! We’ve all been asked at the gas station for five dollars for a bus ticket, and we’ve all doubted the need of the person before us. When I lived in Washington, there were more poor and homeless than we typically see around our Churches here, and our policy was a simple one. If a poor person needed a necessity — food, clothing, water — we would provide it immediately from the rectory stores if we had it; we never handed out cash, though, because we never knew what habits it would foster. I did break the parish’s policy once, however. A homeless man was sitting with a sign outside soliciting money. After Mass, I stopped to talk with him and asked “What are you going to use the cash for?” His answer was curt but honest — “I’m going to go buy me a beer with it!” His honesty won me over; I treated him to his beer that afternoon for his mental health!

Today’s Gospel challenges us through the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus to ask ourselves “How do *we* deal with the poor?” Surely we need to give to them, but why? It’s not because they need it, but because we need to give in order to be healthy. Too much excess leaves us unhealthy, and thus charity is virtuous. For the most part, we like to give to help people. Our hearts are in the right place even when we hesitate to walk past someone begging on the streets. But do we give out of obligation? Do we give out of generosity? Or is there some self-serving reason we overlook — we need to be healthy and our charity helps get us here!

Vincent de Paul is reported to have said on his deathbed that “It is more blessed to give than to receive — and it is also easier.” Maybe this weekend’s Scriptures are challenging us to recognize the reason we so often give — because we get something out of it in return, and that’s not bad!

One of the ways that you might consider helping the less fortunate in our community would be to join Thomas’ Table Ministry—the disaster recovery arm of the parish. Or with our new food distribution program, that’s surely a way that you can offer your time and talent to serve those who are less needy.

Obviously, your love of the poor is reflected in the very generous second collection last weekend to serve others through our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Those dollars will surely help ease the burdens of many people who are dealing with inflating costs in the midst of limited and fixed incomes. Thanks for your generosity!

Father Farni