

JANUARY 13/14, 2024

# THE PEW BUDDY

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

"Come and you  
will see."  
~John 1:39

### St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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P.O. Box 100 | Albany | LA 70711

### St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

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#### OFFICE HOURS

We are open Tuesday  
through Friday from  
8:00AM until 3:00PM,  
but closed for lunch from  
12:00PM until 1:00PM!

**We are closed on Monday!**



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# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

By Megan Ourso

Dear St. Margaret/St. Thomas,

One beautiful truth we can take away from the miracle of the Eucharist is that God meets us where we are, not where we pretend to be. The Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano occurred in a Basilian monastery dedicated to St. Longinus (the soldier who “thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out”, John 19:34) in 750, and it is a prime example of the Lord’s desire to encounter us and strengthen our faith.

A monastic priest was having doubts that the bread and wine truly became Jesus’ Flesh and Blood during the consecration. His reservations regarding the True Presence were a stumbling block to him, but he remained obedient. One day as he said the words of consecration during Mass, the Host turned into Flesh in his hands, and the wine of the chalice turned into Blood. The priest wept with joy. Everyone in attendance saw the transformation. Shortly after, the Blood coagulated into five globules, which the onlookers connected to the five Wounds of Christ. The matter was investigated and proclaimed a miracle, and the host was placed in a special vessel, which is still on display in Lanciano today.

Many scientific tests have been performed on the relics over the centuries with the most recent being in the 1970s. Some of the findings include:

- The Flesh and Blood are a human sample.
- Both are of the same blood type, AB (the same as found on the Shroud of Turin).
- This Blood was described as having properties of fresh blood.
- The Flesh is “fresh” muscular tissue of the heart, not dead tissue.

Praise You, Jesus, for all the ways the Incarnation reveals  
You to us across time!

God Bless,  
Megan Ourso

\*Information from the following websites:

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-miracle-of-lanciano.html>

<https://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/lanciano.html>

<https://www.stmike.org/from-the-pastors-desk/eucharistic-miracles-lanciano-750-ad>



# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next session of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be on **Sunday, January 28, 2024**, at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Jennifer Prather will be presenting "The Results of Passion & Precision: An Intro to Theology of the Body". Spread the word about learning more about your faith!

## ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring the Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign. Please place your contributions in the envelopes available at the entrance of each church and return it to the church by **January 20/21, 2024**. All funds will support Women's Life Ministries, a local organization that promotes local respect life efforts. Please be generous and help folks in our area to do more to show their support for life.

## COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Join the St. Margaret Respect Life Ministry and the Youth Group for a baby shower to support our local pregnancy crisis center on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** from **6:30PM** until **8:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room! Baby wipes and diapers of any size are appreciated. Dinner will be served, and all parishioners are invited to attend!

## CALLED BY NAME

This weekend the Office of Vocations is beginning a vocation awareness campaign so that individual parishes can participate in promoting priestly vocations in the hearts of our young men. In the Gospel this weekend Jesus invites his Apostles to – "Follow Him!" St. Margaret/St. Thomas has a wonderful group of young men who are active in their faith and who Christ may be calling to "Follow Him" in this way! If you know of someone who you think would be a good candidate for the priesthood, please pick up a card in vestibule of the Church and write their name and as much contact information as you can on the back. Then put the card in the collection baskets next weekend. Fr. Joshua Johnson, our vocations director, will then reach out to those whose names have been mentioned. Finally, please continue to pray that more young men may hear the Lord's call to the priesthood!

## ST. FAUSTINA'S STITCHES MINISTRY

The first meeting of our new ministry, St. Faustina's Stitches, will meet on **Monday, January 22, 2024** from **1:00PM** until **2:30PM** in the Seton Room. St. Faustina began to crochet, and sensing God's presence, she asked God to grant the grace of conversion to as many souls as the number of stitches that she would make with her crochet hook. Similarly, as we make gifts for others, we can ask God to use our hidden work for his glory and for the salvation of souls. All crocheters and knitters are invited to join our group to crochet or knit items for Walking With Moms in Need or other ministries here at St. Margaret. Join us for fellowship while creating beautiful and useful items.



# HERE I AM, LORD

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

## 2024 PASSION PLAY

If you are interested in participating in Passion Play, please contact

Megan Ourso (985) 517-6428

Baleigh Henderson (985) 981-6524

Melissa Berghausen (985) 320-6243

### PRACTICE & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 28**

12:30 PM-1:30PM; 1:30PM-4:00PM

Information Meeting & Small Group Practice (Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, & Elizabeth)

**Sunday, February 4 Group Practice**

12:30PM-4:00PM

**Sunday, February 18 Group Practice**

12:30PM-4:00PM

**Sunday, February 25 Group Practice**

12:30PM-4:00PM

**Sunday, March 3 Group Practice**

12:30PM-4:00PM

**Sunday, March 10 Group Practice**

12:30PM-4:00PM

**Wednesday March 13 Prayer Night @ Youth Group**

6:30PM-8:00PM

**Wednesday March 20 Group Practice @ Youth Group**

6:30PM-8:00PM

**Sunday, March 24 Group Practice**

12:30PM-4:00PM

**Wednesday, March 27 Dress Rehearsal @ Youth Group**

6:30PM-8:00PM

**Friday, March 29 Good Friday**

**Performances 6:00 PM & 7:30PM**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Join Bishop Michael Duca to celebrate couples married for 25, 50, or 65 years or more on **Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:00PM** at Most Blessed Sacrament in Baton Rouge. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the Reception afterward in the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Would you like to register as a participant so that our diocese can celebrate your important anniversary? Contact Tammy in the parish office by **Thursday, February 1, 2024** to register!

## STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Weekend of January 6/7, 2024

**Regular Collection**

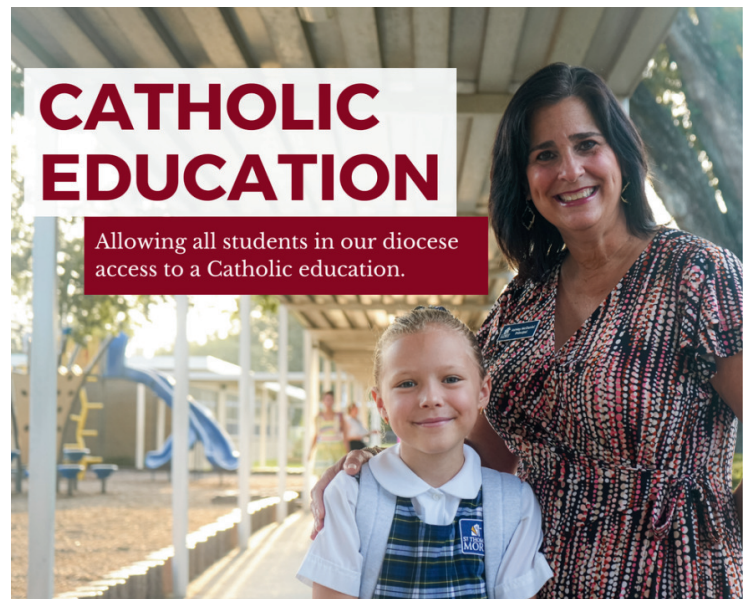
**\$13,058.00**

The **Building & Maintenance Second Collection** totaled:

**\$4,191.00**

There is no Special or Second Collection next weekend.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Allowing all students in our diocese access to a Catholic education.



2023-2024  
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# I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

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Walking with  
Moms in Need

| Pray for Moms



## INTERCEDE



## PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

## REFLECT

Each year on January 1 the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. When we approach the manger to adore the infant Son of God, we cannot help but recognize that Mary is indeed Mother of God. The holy Nativity calls us to meditate more deeply on the mystery that God used the womb of a woman to bring salvation to the world.

This feast of Mary reminds us of the great miracle of motherhood, and it reveals how God has elevated and sanctified the vocation of mothers. We therefore invite the Blessed Mother to guide us as we seek a deeper understanding of the difficulties of motherhood. We pray that through her intercession each of our hearts may be renewed with empathy and increased awareness of the challenges that so many mothers face in welcoming and caring for the gift of life. May Our Blessed Mother inspire in us a desire and resolve to increase our compassionate care and support of mothers in need.

## ACT *(choose one)*

- Pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life ([bit.ly/mother-of-life](http://bit.ly/mother-of-life)) for the featured intention.
- Create a list of ways that you can personally increase your support of mothers in need. Take your list to prayer, asking the Lord for guidance on what he is asking of you and the grace to faithfully respond.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the challenges that mothers face and the inspiration for Walking with Moms in Need in this brief article: [bit.ly/wwmin-inspiration](http://bit.ly/wwmin-inspiration)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Each year on January 22, the Church in the United States observes a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children ([respectlife.org/january-22](http://respectlife.org/january-22)). As individuals, we are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area: [www.WalkingWithMoms.com](http://www.WalkingWithMoms.com)

## KC FRATERNAL BENEFIT NIGHT

All KC men and their wives are invited to attend this informative presentation on benefits available through the Knights of Columbus on **Thursday, February 8, 2024** at **6:30PM**. Dinner will be served. The Independence KC Council will be hosting the event in Independence behind Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church. If you are interested in attending, please call Chuck Raborn at 225.413.1347 to RSVP.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, January 13, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,  
Homer Gaspard, Fred Gauthier, Ricky Genre, Dorothy Reese Jones,  
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,  
Adam Mocsary, George Navarre, Sue Novak, June Koles Olah, Lynette Pfiffner,  
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner and Yancy Watkins

### Sunday, January 14, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez, Pauline Frisbie,  
Clarence & Faye Landeche, John LaGrange, Charles Martin, Delores Ragan  
and Charles & Marie Stumpf

### Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

*The Missa Pro Populo* (The Mass for all the Parishioners)

### Sunday, January 14, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

Steve & Ann Kropog

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, No Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, No Mass (Memorial of St. Anthony)

Thursday, January 18, 2024, No Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Friday, January 19, 2024, No Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

## A BEAUTIFUL SANTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Eric Navarre** donated by Kim Navarre. If you would like to have flowers given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call Tammy at the parish office to schedule in advance.

## MONDAYS WITH MARY, JANUARY 15, 2024 IS CANCELED.

# PAROCHIAL DASHBOARD

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### 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 with a priest.

### 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 the office for a priest or deacon for home or hospital visits.

### FUNERALS

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

## OUR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil-4:00PM - St. Margaret Church  
Sunday-8:00AM - St. Thomas Chapel  
10:00AM & 5:30PM - St. Margaret Church

### Daily Masses

No Monday Mass  
Tuesday through Friday-7:00AM  
St. Margaret Church

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday-7:30AM-8:00PM  
Concluding with Benediction  
St. Margaret Church

## CLERGY & STAFF

### PASTOR

Father Paul August Gros

### DEACONS

Deacon William "Byrd" Corbett  
Deacon Tim Messenger  
Deacon Randall Waguespack

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mary E. Herbert  
(Pastor's Administrative Assistant)  
Tammy Resetar (Receptionist)  
Lucie Hanewinkel (Contributions Manager)  
Gill Scioneaux (Maintenance Supervisor)

### PASTORAL STAFF

Baleigh Olah Henderson  
(Religious Education &  
Communications Coordinator)  
Melissa F. Berghausen (Youth Minister)

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Gather Hymnal Number 1096**

**1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19**

Samuel responds to God's call.

**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

"Your body is a temple  
of the Holy Spirit."

**John 1:35-42**

Jesus calls the first disciples.

### Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 20/21, 2024*

**Jonah 3: 1-5**

**1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

**Mark 1: 14-20**



# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, January 14, 2024

### St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

11:15AM—Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints

6:45PM—Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

## Monday, January 15, 2024

### Mondays With Mary Canceled!

## Tuesday, January 16, 2024

### No Daily Mass Today!

8:30AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room

6:00PM—Missions & Retreats Committee Meeting, Ignatius Room

6:00PM—Respect Life Committee Meeting, Goretti Room

## Wednesday, January 17, 2024

### No Daily Mass Today!

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

6:00PM—Hungarian Language Class, Seton Room

6:00PM—Vocations Committee, Seton Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (OCIA/OCIC), Vianney Room

## Thursday, January 18, 2024

### No Daily Mass Today!

### No Confessions Today!

5:30PM—CDA Rosary, St. Margaret Room

6:00PM—Catholic Daughters Meeting, St. Margaret Room

## Friday, January 19, 2024

### No Daily Mass Today!

### No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

## Saturday, January 20, 2024

### Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

There will be no Youth Group next **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**. Pray for those at March for Life!

Our next Youth Group will be **Wednesday, January 24, 2024** at **5:30PM** for the Junior Youth Group and **6:30PM** for the High School Youth Group. For more information, contact Melissa Berghausen at the parish office or at [mberghausen@stmargaretstthomas.com](mailto:mberghausen@stmargaretstthomas.com).

