

THE PEW BUDDY

JANUARY 27/28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

"I know who You
are-You are the
Holy One of
God!"
~Mark 1:24b

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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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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! It has been wonderful being back home this whole week after spending the last week and a half on pilgrimage to France. I thank you for all the prayers that you offered Fr. Jamin and I and all the parishioners who joined us for this wonderful experience. Please know while I was in Lourdes that I prayed by name each of the prayer intentions you posted on Facebook or emailed me. In fact, I lit two large candles for all those intentions right across the river from the grotto where Our Lady appeared. You can see a picture of those two candles on the back of the bulletin.

As I have returned, some of you have asked “what was the biggest grace I received?” Well, there were many holy sites that we went to including the childhood home of Saint Therese, Mont Saint Michel, the tombs of St. Bernadette and St. Vincent de Paul and, of course, the apparition site of Our Lady of Lourdes. The highlight of the trip was having the opportunity to celebrate Mass in the very grotto where Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette in 1858. I was not planning on being the main celebrant at the Mass that morning, but since we were the only English-speaking group, I was asked to celebrate the Mass at the very last moment. (See the picture on the back of the bulletin.) This was an incredibly special opportunity for me and a true grace from Our Lady! Again, thank you for all the prayers that you offered us! Nobody got lost, nobody got deathly ill, and nobody broke any bones! We all had a wonderful time!

This Sunday, January 28th after the 5:30 PM Mass, we have our monthly “Theology in a Bottle” on the topic of “Theology of the Body”. I want to invite everyone to join us to listen to Jennifer Prather and myself speak about this wonderful gift Pope St. John Paul II left the church. In fact, the second reading this weekend from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians chapter 7 speaks a little bit about the gift of celibacy, which is included in the teachings of Theology of the Body. The Church’s teaching on celibacy is so misunderstood not only by those in the secular world but also those in the church. St. Paul writes: **“An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord...” (1 Corinthians 7:32)**. St. Paul is certainly not “undercutting” the sacrament of marriage. We see in the letter to the Ephesians chapter 5 that he speaks of the beauty of this Sacrament of Marriage, comparing it to the love that Christ has for the Church. However, in this passage he implies that those called to the celibate life are called to give themselves fully to the Lord directly and not through a spouse as those called to the married state. As some might say, a priest is called to the celibate life so that he may “marry” the Bride of Christ which is the Church. You call me “Father” and not just Pastor or Reverend for a reason. I am a “spiritual father” to you, who are my spiritual sons and daughters, and a part of the parish family of St. Margaret and St. Thomas. Thus, those who are called to the celibate life reflect in their bodies the life that St. Paul lived out, along with Jesus Himself!

Have a wonderful week!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Polly Chatelain by Joe & Lucie Hanewinkel.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Philip Brabham, Mary Margaret Bains, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus,
Joyce Dietrick, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre,
Rebecca Dawn Ham, Dorothy Reese Jones, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Larry & Troy Kennedy, Paul & Bea Kerek, Francis Kronlage,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Arnold Lirette, Ray J. Louviere, Crystal McFadden,
Adam Mocsary, George Navarre, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,
June Koles Olah, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner
and Anne Sherman

Sunday, January 28, 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 28, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Millie & Arthur Rizzo

Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. John Bosco)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Friday, February 2, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Feast - Presentation of the Lord)

Dustin Novak

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, founder of Image & Gift Ministries, LLC, will be presenting "The Results of Passion & Precision: An Intro to Theology of the Body". Spread the word about learning more about your faith!

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Join the St. Margaret Respect Life Ministry and our High School 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!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next session of Family Faith Formation will be on **Sunday, February 4, 2024** at **11:15AM**. The topic presented by Deacon Byrd Corbett will be "How to Prepare for Mass." 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!

CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to the newest couples married at St. Margaret during the month of December: **Robert Montenegro & Katherine Thibodeaux**, and **Lane Anthon & Rebecca Little**. We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact one of the clergy to schedule your wedding or to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret!

YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Bring a dish from one of your favorite recipes that you share among loved ones or share your favorite childhood food, and join us for February's "Yummy for Your Tummy" themed "Home Cooking" to be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, February 10, 2024** at **5:00PM**. Join us for good food and to grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

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!

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.

LISTEN TO THE LORD'S VOICE

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

LET US COME INTO HIS PRESENCE, GIVING THANKS

Please join our Prayer Line Ministers as we pray for the following community members:

Cindy Brasington, Sarah Marie Caldorera, Nancy Campeaux, Cole Catalano, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Taffy Coleman, Remy Cramer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Shellie Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Larry Evans, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Rose Gauthier, Michelle Kling, Rachel Kling, Tammy Hamilton, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Ensley Howard, Leon V. Latino, Jr., Gregg Mader, Earl Magner, Deacon Gary Mooney, Lachelle Morgan, Becham Mosely, Ricky Murphy, Edward Murray, Sydney Ourso, Larry Pearson, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Mary Prokop, Albert Rayborn, William Schwartz, Brittany Stilley, Joseph Stolf, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Carolyn Reese Walch, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who need 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 at 985.507.7487.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Weekend of
January 20/21, 2024

The **Regular Collection** totaled:

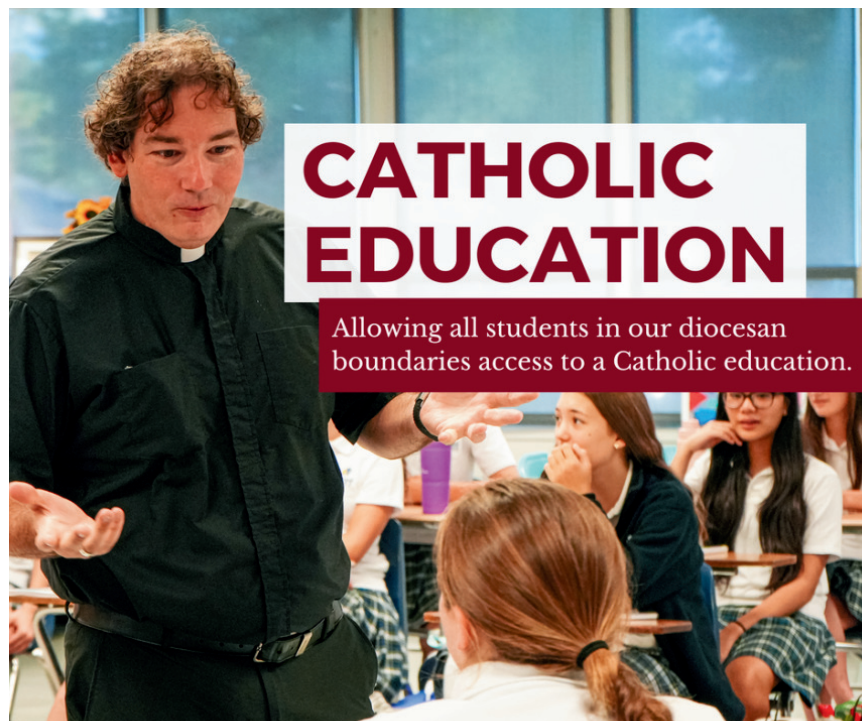
\$11,226.00.

The **Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign** totaled:

\$1,739.00.

The Second Collection next weekend is for the **Building & Maintenance Fund**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!



2023-2024
BISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL
DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

To learn more or to donate, visit

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HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the months of December and January including **Brody Vassil, Therese Plauche, Madison Gatlin, Beatrice Reynolds, Edward Reynolds, Anna Meyer, and Ellison Michel**. May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Baleigh Henderson in the parish office if you're interested in having your child baptized!

HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (**March 8-10, 2024**) contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225-271-4092 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org.

ST. MARGARET HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



JAN. 31, 2024
JPII RM.
6:30PM-8PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF GAMES, FUN, FOOD,
& FELLOWSHIP

DINNER WILL
BE PROVIDED!

CONTACT MELISSA BERGHAUSEN FOR QUESTIONS
AT MBERGHAUSEN@STMARGARETSTTHOMAS.COM

High School MP3 & March for Life Reunion


MP3
MUSIC PRAISE
PRAYER PLAY

source & summit

Saturday, February 3
St. Michael Cafeteria
6:30-10pm
\$10 at the door
RSVP by Feb 1
<http://tinyurl.com/FebMP3>

PAROCHIAL DASHBOARD

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1102

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Moses speaks of a future prophet.

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Paul addresses concerns
about marriage.

Mark 1: 21-28

Jesus begins his ministry
with exorcism.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27/28, 2024

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Church in Latin America Special Collection!

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

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Grades K & 1), Hall of Saints

11:15AM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 4), Hall of Saints

12:30PM—Passion Play Meeting, Parish Hall

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

6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

Monday, January 29, 2024

5:00PM—Mondays with Mary, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Bible, Burgers, & Beer, Off Campus

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

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

9:00AM—Staff Faith Formation, Seton Room

5:30PM—Junior Youth Group, John Paul II Room

6:00PM—Hungarian Language Class, Seton Room

6:30PM—High School Youth Group, John Paul II Room

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

Friday, February 2, 2024

11:30AM—Food Distribution, Parish Hall

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Lenten Meatless Meals Ticket Sales!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



FEED OUR YOUTH

Use the QR code here to access the sign-up genius to feed the youth on Wednesday nights!