

APRIL 13/14, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Then He opened
their minds to
understand the
Scriptures.

~Luke 24:45

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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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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THE REST OF THE STORY

By Father John Foley, SJ

We have all heard the story before. Two disciples walked to a small town, about seven miles from the center of Jerusalem, Emmaus. They were sorrowful—I suppose in the same way all people tend to be when a relative has died. *Their hero was dead, the man they had thought was the messiah.*

In fulfillment of these words the apostles experienced a conversion. Suddenly, they were joined by a stranger. He began explaining to them the story of Christ as foretold in the Hebrew scriptures. When the three of them arrived at Emmaus, they ate, and, as he broke the bread, the men knew in a flash, just who he was. *Then suddenly he disappeared.*

These same men ran to Jerusalem as fast as they could, to tell the eleven apostles about this extraordinary revelation. Sunday's Gospel tells this part of the story. Surely they were babbling and prattling, being so excited. But in the midst of this excitement, suddenly, without warning, Jesus appeared to them, now in Jerusalem. *"They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost."*

Jesus replied that ghosts do not have flesh and bones, do they? Touch me and know that I am real. He showed them his hands and feet, with the wounds of the cross made beautiful by God's love. Then comes Jesus' best move, a compassionate one. He says he is hungry. How much more un-ghostly could you get? He helps himself to the baked fish they bring him, just as he had done so often in their life together.

He begins to explain the events which had seemed like pure disaster: the passion, death, and burial in particular. He recalls everything written about him "in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms," just as he had done for the two men on the road to Emmaus. He tells them why the Son of Man had had to suffer, die, and then be raised. How did he put it? Surely he referenced the book of Job, a man who had been loving and moral, but had lost absolutely everything, all of which led to a direct encounter with God (maybe a prefiguring of the crucifixion).

And of course, the Book of Isaiah must have been part of it: ***It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed (Isaiah 53:4-5).*** This passage is the heart and soul of the Hebrew scriptures, and, according to our Christian and Catholic belief, of the fulfillment that was Jesus.

What about the resurrection? Here is Isaiah again, words had been written centuries before Jesus: ***Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear. Therefore I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty (Isaiah 53:11-12).***

In fulfillment of these words the apostles experienced a conversion. Peter went off to preach what God "had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer," (First Reading), and would die and be glorified.

This is the "rest of the story" of Emmaus. *And now, since Easter, the rest of our own story.*

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our second grade students who received Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament last weekend at our First Communion celebration: **Emma Lalonde, Wyatt Comish, Cayden Pennington, Riley Pennington, Nolan Abadie, Cullen Torres, Addisyn Booker, Mason Thomas, River Grob, Landon Fletcher, Luke Robbins, Savannah Thigpen, Amelia Aucoin, Braylin Monistere, Kylie McMorris and Joseph Shaw.** Congratulations, and continue to keep Christ close to you on your spiritual journey!

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next session of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be on **Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Deacon Byrd Corbett will be presenting "Better Than a Hotty Toddy: Dispelling Catholic Myths". Spread the word about learning more about your faith!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, five preparatory sessions will be held on **Tuesdays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, and 14, 2024** from **6:30PM** until **8:00PM** in order to assist you to prepare to receive the sacrament. The sacrament will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.** If you have any further questions, please call Deacon Byrd at the Parish Office, or email Darlene Gendusa at darlenemkg@icloud.com.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next session of Family Faith Formation will be this **Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 11:15AM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Nicole Jones, Digital Media Manager for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, will be presenting "Eucharistic Revival: Person, Parish, Diocese, National Encounter." At least one parent per PSR 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!

ONE BOOK, ONE CHURCH

Join us on **Mondays at 9:00AM or 6:00PM** beginning **April 29, 2024,** to read and discuss the book "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Brant Pitre. This book, gifted to parishioners this past Christmas, is a rich dive into the historical roots of our beloved Eucharist. The study will continue on **May 6, 13 and 20.**

MILAN'S WOOD FIRED PIZZA

Thursday, April 18, 2024, is St. Margaret Church Day at Milan's Wood Fired Pizza in Hammond. You can help raise money for our youth activities and enjoy a fire-roasted pizza! Go to Milan's Wood Fired Pizza at 505 W. Thomas Street in Hammond anytime during hours of operation that day and tell them you are there to support St. Margaret Catholic Church. Milan's will give St. Margaret 15% of your purchases.



PEACE BE WITH YOU

ANNIVERSARY & RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

FR. RANDY CUEVAS

Fr. Randy will be celebrating his 42nd Anniversary of Ordination and Retirement from active ministry on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at our 11:00 AM Mass (*his actual anniversary date is June 26*). A farewell luncheon reception immediately after the Mass is being planned. If you would like to help, contact Emily Davis: edavis@stalloysiusparish.com. Fr. Randy will be retired effective Monday, July 1, 2024.



GOT PHOTOS?

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ! I pray you all are having a joyous Easter season! We're looking for pictures to put in a slideshow that will play at Fr. Randy's retirement celebration on **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. If you have any pictures with Fr. Randy from his time as pastor at your parish (or any taken recently with him), please have them emailed to the following address: photos@stalloysiusparish.com.

Thank you and God bless,
Tyler Waggenpack
Director of Communications
St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a

Pulled Pork Dinner

**Large Pulled Pork Sandwich,
Baked Beans, Buttered Corn on
the Cob, & Dessert**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

**Dinners will be available for
pickup at the Parish Hall
from 11:00AM - 1:00PM**

**St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Church
30300 Catholic Hall Road, Hammond, LA**

\$11.00 per plate

Funds raised will benefit the St. Thomas Chapel renovation.

Tickets may be purchased from the Knights & Ladies outside of Mass on the weekend of April 20/21, 2024.

For more information, contact Glenn Young (225.964.0947) or Chuck Raborn (225.413.1347).



ALL ARE WELCOME

A Ministry for Individuals with Special Needs



To learn more or to donate, visit
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All Are Welcome is a support group that was established by parents of special needs children, in conjunction with the Diocese of Baton Rouge, to provide resources, fellowship and opportunities for persons with exceptional/special needs and their families. To learn more about the Bishop's Annual Appeal and support All Are Welcome, visit diobr.org/baa.

O LORD, HEAR MY CALL

Lift up the light of Your face on us, O Lord.

THE LORD WORKS WONDERS FOR HIS FAITHFUL ONES

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

Cindy Brasington, Sarah Marie Caldorera, Nancy Campeaux, Cole Catalano, Linda Coats, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Taffy Coleman, Phil & Debbie Cortana, Remy Cramer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Shellie Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Larry Evans, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Cora Fuller, Rose Gauthier, Buck Grantham, Michelle Kling, Rachel Kling, Tammy Hamilton, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Leon V. Latino, Jr., Gregg Mader, Earl Magner, Charmaine Mocsary, Joseph Mocsary, Lachelle Morgan, Becham Mosely, Chip Norman, Sidney Ourso, Larry Pearson, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Mary Prokop, Albert Rayborn, Patrick Riche, C.W. Sandufer, William Schwartz, Gene Simoneaux, Brittany Stilley, Joseph Stolf, Diane Sudkamp, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Carolyn Reese Walch, Jackie Wedge, 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

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection** for the
weekend of April 6/7, 2024,
totaled:

\$14,322.00.

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

\$3,903.00.

There will be no second or special
collection next weekend.

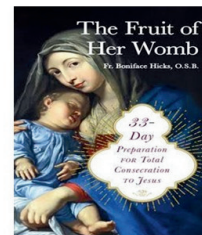
Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!



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33 Day Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Mondays, April 29-June 3, 2024

5:30-7:30PM

OR

Thursdays, April 25-May 30, 2024

9:00-10:30AM

Registration: email name, cell number & session choice to: mtbailey3@proton.me
+Books may be purchased at Heavenly Gifts- Ponchatoula

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is burning for those who have lost loved ones in our parish community.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Eddie Barker, Polly Chatelain, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus,
Delores M. Dupre, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Jo Ann Levet,
Ray J. Louviere, George Navarre, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,
June Koles Olah, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Ron Savoie and Anne Sherman

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez,
John LaGrange, Charles Martin, Denise Schilling
and Charles & Marie Stumpf

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

George Navarre

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Kelsey Martin

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Melissa Labranche

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Lynette Pfiffner

Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday of Easter)

George & Eric Navarre

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)

PASTORAL STAFF

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter
Gather Hymnal Number 1068

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter proclaims Jesus' role
and call for repentance.

1 John 2:1-5a

Knowing Christ is to keep
his commandments.

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus challenges Thomas' doubts.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 20/21, 2024

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 14, 2024

11:15AM—**Family Faith Formation**, St. Margaret Room
11:15AM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6)**, Hall of Saints
6:45PM—**PSR Reconciliation (Grade 11)**, St. Margaret Church
6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-11)**, Hall of Saints

Monday, April 15, 2024

1:00PM—**St. Faustina's Stitches**, St. John Vianney Room
5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room
9:30AM—**Bible Study, Exodus Part II**, St. Ignatius Room
6:00PM—**Young Adult Adoration**, St. Margaret Church
6:30PM—**Adult Confirmation Class**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

7:30AM—**Eucharistic Adoration**, St. Margaret Church
6:30PM—**Youth Appreciation Banquet**, Parish Hall

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Milan's Wood Fired Pizza St. Margaret Church Day!
Parish Office Closed From 8:00AM until 1:00PM!

9:00AM—**Staff Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
4:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church
5:30PM—**CDA Rosary**, St. Margaret Room
6:00PM—**Catholic Daughters Meeting**, St. Margaret Room

Friday, April 19, 2024

Parish Office Closed Today!

Saturday, April 20, 2024

KC Fundraiser Ticket Sales!
World Day of Prayer for Vocations!
3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

WE APPRECIATE OUR YOUTH!

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a Youth Appreciation Night on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** at **6:30PM** in the parish hall. All youth are encouraged to participate in this special night where outstanding youth will be recognized. Dinner will be provided!

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS 2024

JULY 8-12TH

9:00AM-12:00PM

