

APRIL 6/7, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (B)

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

~ John 20:29

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We are open Tuesday through Friday from 8:00AM until 3:00PM, but closed for lunch from 12:00PM until 1:00PM!
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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Family in Christ,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ this Easter Season! On this last day of the Octave of Easter, I want to first thank all those parishioners who helped with the Holy Week liturgies last week. Thank you especially to our musicians, our altar servers, liturgical ministers, staff, and all those who put extra hours in to practice and set up – you know who you are! I thought the liturgies were incredibly beautiful, most especially the Easter Vigil in which we initiated twelve new members into the Catholic Church!

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II instituted this special day to fall on every 2nd Sunday of Easter after the request our Lord made to St. Faustina. To sum up what the message of divine mercy is I took this small summary from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception website. They have been entrusted with this message after our Lord appeared to St. Faustina asking her to be His “mouthpiece” of mercy to the world. Here is the excerpt:

“The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina and set forth in this website and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.” (www.thedivinemercy.org)

One of the devotions Our Lord left with St. Faustina is the Divine Mercy Chaplet. A simple prayer prayed on rosary beads and helps one meditate on the Passion and mercy of Jesus for the whole world.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our second graders on their first communion this weekend. Also, I would like to thank Ms. Heidi Comish for preparing them for this special event!

Have a wonderful week!



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

Congratulations to our new, fully initiated members to receive the Easter Sacraments last weekend: **Sean Lagarosse, Heartlie Morgan, Anika Gill, Stephanie Schulte, Mallory Picard, Lindsey Picard, Abigail Lagarosse, Aubrie Lagarosse, Sarah Robbins, Kerry Cyrus, Matthew St. Cyr** and **Sara Padgett**.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next session of Family Faith Formation will be on **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!

SUPPORT MISSION KREWE

Help the St. Margaret Youth Group raise money for the 2024 Mission Krewe and get your St. Margaret t-shirt or sweatshirt! You can use the QR Code here to order and they will be shipped directly to you! All proceeds will go toward the expenses for our students to travel to Auxier, Kentucky in June 2024. Please consider ordering a beautiful shirt, designed by our own youth, Miss Audrey Purvis.



A YUMMY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a movie, pizza and snacks for our April "Yummy for Your Tummy" featuring a movie sponsored by the Catholic Daughters to be held in the parish hall on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**, at **5:00PM**. Join us for good food and to grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

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!

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 Mission Krewe and enjoy a fired roasted pizza! Go to Milan's Wood Fired Pizza at 505 W. Thomas Street in Hammond and tell them you are there to support St. Margaret Catholic Church. Milan's will give St. Margaret 15% of your purchases.

BE OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Walking with
Moms in Need

| Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy, remembering the message Jesus so ardently instructed St. Faustina to spread of His endless mercy and forgiveness to those who seek it. Rooted in Christ's message of Divine Mercy is trust: trust that Jesus loves us, desires to heal our souls, and is with us.

This is an especially important message for expectant mothers preparing for the births of their children. They may often be gripped by fear and anxiety, without sources of support. May we prayerfully consider how we are called to help mothers who may be struggling in a particular way. And in our own lives, each of us is invited to come to Jesus just as we are and lay our cares, fears, and anxieties upon Him. The words Christ revealed to St. Faustina, He speaks to us and all who feel afraid: "Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you" (Diary, no. 848). As we seek to live out the message of Divine Mercy, we pray for the courage for all to proclaim, "Jesus, I trust in you!"

ACT (choose one)

- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (usccb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet) at 3:00 pm, the Hour of Mercy, for expectant mothers.
- Jesus spoke to St. Faustina, "Reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them" (Diary, no. 1487). Expose the cuts and wounds of your heart to Christ and allow His healing mercy to reach every hurt and hidden pain through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn about St. Faustina, the Apostle of Mercy, and the message of Christ's mercy that she conveyed to mankind: www.usccb.org/divine-mercy

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a 20th century physician, wife, and mother whose feast day is celebrated on April 28. A novena to St. Gianna is available and can be prayed any time of year: walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena.

Excerpts from Maria Faustina Kowalska, Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul, 3rd ed. (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2007), 699. All rights reserved.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

www.WalkingWithMoms.com

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HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCY ON THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

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, 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, 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 March 30/31, 2024,
and **Holy Thursday Collection** totaled:

\$15,936.00.

The **Retirement Fund for Diocesan
Priests Special Collection** totaled:

\$3,059.00.

The **Good Friday Collection
for the Holy Land** totaled:

\$1,418.00.

There will be no second or special
collection next weekend.

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!



St. Margaret Catholic Church
Sponsored
Married Couples Retreat

May 18 - 19, 2024

**Attention Married Couples:
Would you like to spend quality time
enriching your marriage?**

Then join us on our parish sponsored
married couples retreat at the beautiful
St Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center!

Growing Together in Faith & Love



Faith and Marriage Register @ FaithandMarriage.org
an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Gwen Delaune by Kim Navarre.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

**Eddie Barker, Polly Chatelain, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus,
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Anthony & Anna Friedman, Judy Friedman,
Homer Gaspard, Fred Gauthier, Ricky Genre,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
JoAnn Levet, Ray J. Louviere, 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, April 7, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

**Jerry Adamcewicz, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez,
John LaGrange, Clarence & Faye Landeche, Charles Martin,
Charles & Marie Stumpf and Chuck Stumpf**

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

June Magner

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, No Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, No Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Thursday, April 11, 2024, No Mass (Memorial of St. Stanislaus)

Friday, April 12, 2024, No Mass (Weekday of Easter)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, for a Diocese staff event. Please take care of any business you may have after this time. Thanks for your consideration!

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

Second Sunday of Easter
Gather Hymnal Number 1066

Acts 4:32-35

Evangelism and daily life
in the early church.

1 John 5:1-6

The importance of faith
and love in the community.

John 20:19-31

Jesus challenges Thomas' doubts.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Third Sunday of Easter
April 13/14, 2024

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 7, 2024

KC Seminarian Raffle Ticket Sales & Membership Drive!
Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!
Coffee & Donut Ministry!

10:00AM—**First Communion**, St. Margaret Church

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

2:30PM—**Marian Servants Divine Mercy**, St. Margaret Church/Parish Hall

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

Monday, April 8, 2024

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

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

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

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Parish Office Closed!

No Daily Mass Today!

9:30AM—**Bible Study, Exodus Part II**, Ignatius Room

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

No Daily Mass Today!

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

5:00PM—**Junior Youth Group**, John Paul II Room

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

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

Thursday, April 11, 2024

No Daily Mass Today!

4:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

Friday, April 12, 2024

No Daily Mass Today!

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, April 13, 2024

3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

5:00PM—**Yummy for Your Tummy**, Parish Hall

NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK!

There will be no daily Mass this week. Father Paul will be at a Biblical Theology Priests Conference all week. We WILL have confessions on Thursday.

