

MAY 11/12, 2024

# THE PEW BUDDY

## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (B)

“Go into the  
whole world and  
proclaim the  
gospel...”

~Mark 16:15

### 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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# PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

*By Father Paul Gros*

Dear Family in Christ,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! Last weekend we celebrated our annual May crowning with all our PSR children. It was a wonderful way to end our school year! The month of May has traditionally been the month of Our Lady. It includes four Marian feast days – May 1st Queen of Heaven, May 13th Our Lady of Fatima, May 24th Mary Help of Christians, and May 31st the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Paul VI wrote in his encyclical letter, “Mense Maio,” that May is the month Christians offer the Virgin Mother more *“fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne.”*

Regarding Our Mother’s intercession, he continued: *“For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her? To Him men are to turn amid the anxieties and perils of this world, urged on by duty and driven by the compelling needs of their heart, to find a haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life.”* In order to observe this tradition in the Church, you might want to add additional prayers like the Rosary, litanies or the 7 Sorrows to your spiritual routine. To honor our Blessed Mother during this month, we will keep here statue at the front of Church. Please feel free to place any flowers around her feet as a sign of veneration. I just ask that you please keep them out from the walkway!

Lastly, as many of you already know, the Bishop’s office released new assignments two weeks ago. Two of the assignments will affect St. Margaret and St. Thomas. First, I regret to let you know that Deacon Randall will no longer be “officially” assigned to St Margaret. His new assignment to the Catholic Life Center will have him continuing to serve as the Life, Peace, and Justice Director of the diocese. This position has grown tremendously since he took over several years ago, which has demanded much more of his time as more service opportunities avail themselves in the diocese. The Bishop decided it would be best if he was not assigned to St. Margaret and St. Thomas so that he can devote his time to the needs of those who are “on the margins.” Deacon Randall will still be a member of St. Margaret but will not be on a regular weekend schedule. He will still be serving when he is available or if requested by parishioners. I do want to personally thank him for all that he has done for our community and will continue to do in service to the Lord! Please keep Deacon Randall in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to serve our diocese.

Secondly, as you may also know, Fr. Taylor has been assigned as the new pastor of St. Joseph in French Settlement and St Stephen in Maurepas effective July 1st. Unfortunately, this means, that come the end of June, he will no longer be in residence at St. Margaret and no longer able to assist with the 4:00PM and 8:00AM Masses on the weekends. I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed having his company here at the rectory. We have shared many laughs and much advice from one another in the evenings over dinner as we talked about the day’s joys and challenges in priestly ministry! I wish Fr. Taylor well...as I know he will be a great pastor to the folks of French Settlement and Maurepas. Please keep him in your prayers as well!

Have a wonderful week!  
Fr. Paul

P.S. This week I will be travelling to Medjugorje on pilgrimage. I am bringing all of you and your intentions with me in my heart. Please pray for our safe travels and a grace-filled trip as we visit this special Marian Apparition Site. Note that there will be NO daily Mass while I am away!

# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

## YUMMY FIESTA

Cinco de Mayo Celebration is the theme for May's "Yummy for Your Tummy" to be held in the parish hall on **Saturday, May 11, 2024**, at **5:00PM**. Bring your favorite tacos, burritos, nachos, guacamole, chips & salsa to share and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our final installment this year of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be held on **Sunday, May 19, 2024**, from **6:45PM** until **8:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Becky Eldredge will be this month's presenter for her presentation entitled "Happiness That Lasts Past Happy Hour: Spiritual Life Hacks." Spread the word about learning the faith!

## ST. FAUSTINA'S STITCHES

Join our crochet/knitting group on **Monday, May 20, 2024**, from **1:00PM** until **3:00PM** for fellowship and to stitch together. Our group shares prayer, ideas, and assistance in crocheting/knitting useful items for Walking with Moms in Need and other ministries.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a transformative process that invites non-baptized adults and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church to explore, learn, and grow in their faith. St. Margaret's OCIA program will have 3 inquiry sessions on the following **Wednesdays: May 22, June 19** and **July 17, 2024**, at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. These inquiry sessions will give you the opportunity to ask questions you may have and to find out more about our OCIA program which will officially begin on **August 14, 2024**.

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Even though summer will be here soon, and the youth will be out of school, we will continue to have Junior and High School Youth Group events. Please keep an eye on our bulletin! AND for these events, we will still need meals to feed these hungry young people. Please use the QR code here or call Melissa at the parish office to sign up to bring a meal to our future saints!



# SING PRAISE TO OUR KING

## CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to the men and women of St. Margaret who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Duca last weekend including: **Olivia Abadie, Riley Bankovic, Bryn Beard, Caroline Beard, Brennan Bishop, Dax Dupuy, Elise Fischer, John Jason, Addison Liuzza, Michael Marshall, Gabriel Millet, Noah Morreale, Trey Ohler, Clayton Pecoraro** and **Ethan Peltier**. Please continue to pray for these young people on their spiritual journey!



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

To learn more or to donate, visit  
**DIOPR.ORG/BAA**  
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## COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

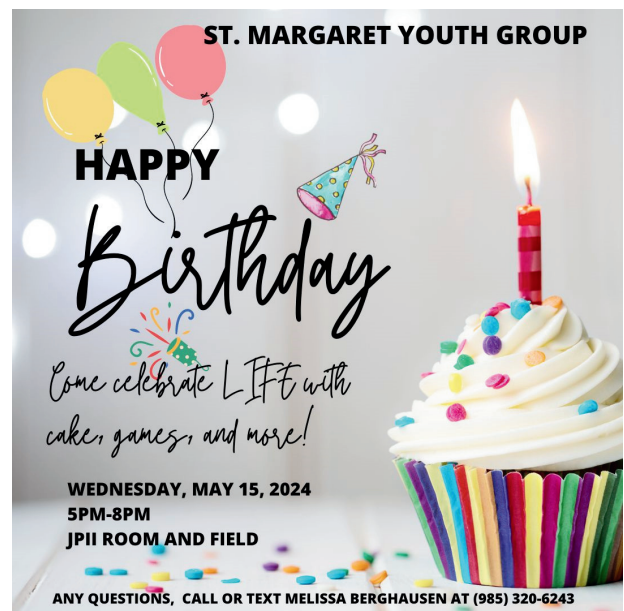
The experience of living out one's faith within a community setting on campus is important to the life of the whole Church, and so the Bishop's Annual Appeal continually supports the campus ministries at LSU, Southern and Southeastern. To learn more about the Bishop's Annual Appeal and support our diocesan college campus ministries, visit [diopr.org/baa](http://diopr.org/baa).

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Cemetery Committee is currently in the process of contracting for an addition to our existing mausoleum in St. Margaret Cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a final resting place in our beautiful cemetery, especially in our mausoleum (crypts or niches), please give Tammy a call at the parish office. In the upcoming weeks, we will be advertising for presales so keep an eye on The Pew Buddy!

## HUGE THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus' recent fundraiser meal to benefit the St. Thomas Chapel renovation was a success! The proceeds from all 446 dinners sold allowed a total of \$5,086 to be raised and donated to the St. Thomas Chapel Renovation Fund. The Knights of Columbus Council and Assembly want to thank those parishioners, and the many local businesses that bought these pulled pork dinners. Without your support and generosity, this worthy cause could not have been possible. God bless all of you. Vivat Jesus.



# THE LORD IS AWESOME

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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## PRAY TO THE LORD FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

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

**Walter Barado, Sr., Andy Berthelot, Cindy Brasington, Virginia Caffrey, Sarah Marie Caldorera, Nancy Campeaux, Cole Catalano, Linda Coats, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Taffy Coleman, Phil & Debbie Cortana, Remy Cramer, Bill Cummer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Shellie Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Larry Evans, Elise “Breezy” Fischer, Cora Fuller, Rose Gauthier, Michelle Kling, Rachel Kling, Delta Kovach, Tammy Hamilton, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Donna Laciura, 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 May 4/5 2024,  
totaled:

**\$13,411.00.**

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

**\$4,459.00.**

The **Second Collection**  
next weekend is for the  
**Mission Krewe.**

Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity to our ministries!

**ST. MARGARET SUMMER YOUTH GROUP**

**Junior High** Youth Nights will be held on Wednesday nights during May, June, and July from **5pm-6:30pm** in the St. John Paul II Room!

**High School** Youth Nights will be held on Wednesday nights during May, June, and July from **6:30pm-8pm** in the St. John Paul II Room!

**May 15**  
**May 22**  
**May 29**  
**June 12**  
**June 19**  
**July 17**  
**July 24**  
**July 31**

please note,  
nights are subject  
to change.

see our QR Code  
to feed the  
hungry youth!

contact Melissa Berghausen for questions at (985) 320-6243



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of  
**June Koles Olah** by Baleigh and Justin Henderson.

## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Saturday, May 11, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Dee Barcia, Polly Chatelain, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus,  
Delores M. Dupre, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Della Gauthier, Fred Gauthier,  
Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, James Elliott Harrison,  
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Francis Kronlage, Helen Kropog,  
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Irene Mary Leon, Ray J. Louviere,  
Eddie Mayard, George Navarre, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,  
June Koles Olah, Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner,  
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Velma Scallan, Nita Schilling  
and Anne Sherman

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez,  
Pauline Frisbie, John LaGrange and Charles Martin

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

June Magner

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, No Mass (Feast of Saint Matthias)

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, No Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Thursday, May 16, 2024, No Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Friday, May 17, 2024, No Mass (Weekday of Easter)

## A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

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

# 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)

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Ascension of Our Lord*  
**Gather Hymnal Number 1079**

### Acts 1:1-11

Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach and continue his work.

### Ephesians 4:1-13

St. Paul urges us to live in a manner worthy of the call we received from Christ.

### Mark 16:15-20

The disciples were sent into the world to preach, heal and bring all people to belief in Christ.

### Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Pentecost Sunday*  
*May 18/19, 2024*

### Acts 2:1-11

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**  
**John 20:19-23**

# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Catholic Communication Campaign Special Collection!**

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

9:00AM—**One Book, One Church**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

5:30PM—**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**, St. Ignatius Room

6:00PM—**One Book, One Church**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

**No Daily Mass!**

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

6:00PM—**VBS Volunteer Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

**No Daily Mass!**

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

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

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

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

**No Daily Mass! No Confessions!**

5:30PM—**CDA Rosary**, St. Margaret Room

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

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

**No Daily Mass!**

**No Extraordinary Events Scheduled for Today!**

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

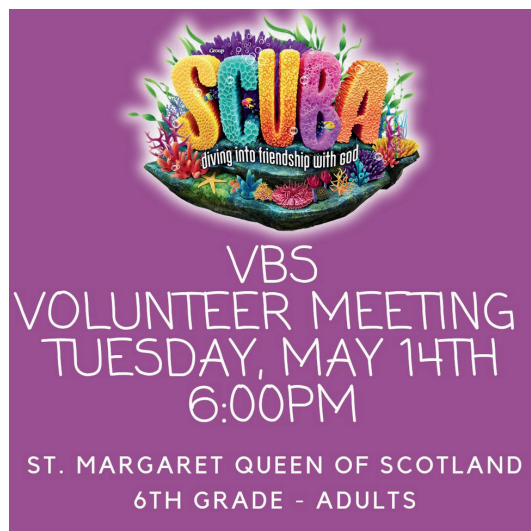
**Mission Krewe Second Collection!**

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

4:00PM—**KC Quarterly Mass and Communion**, St. Margaret Church

## NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK!

There will be no daily Mass this week. Father Paul will be on pilgrimage to Medjugorje all week and through the following **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**. We **WILL NOT** have confessions on Thursday. Daily Mass will resume on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**.



SAVE THE DATE!

VBS 2024

JULY 8-12TH

9:00AM-12:00PM

