

OCTOBER 12/13, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

*“All things are
possible for God.”*

~Mark 10:27

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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INHERITING ETERNAL LIFE

by Eleonore Stump

In the Gospel Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” In response, Jesus says to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor.”

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that’s just the beginning, isn’t it? There’s also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so Jesus’ exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life. Understood in that way, Jesus’ advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in *this* life.

But here’s a puzzle worth noticing. You don’t have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don’t have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its nature *not* an answer to the rich young man’s question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does *everybody* have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don’t sell everything you have, are you going to hell?

The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the *rich* young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person’s gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do.

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

RESPECT LIFE VIDEO PRESENTATION

St. Margaret Respect Life Committee will be presenting an informative video about IVF (in vitro fertilization) on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**, at **6:30PM** in the St. Margaret Room in the Hall of Saints. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about this controversial topic!

HOSPITALITY MINISTER WORKSHOP

Our Ministers of Hospitality are there to welcome, assist and assure that everyone's time of worship with us is inviting. There will be a Hospitality Minister/Usher Workshop on **October 15, 2024**, at **6:00PM** in **St. Margaret Church**. All current ministers are required to come to this refresher. Join us if you are interested in serving. Please contact Kim Navarre, ministry chairperson, at 985.634.5366 if you can help evangelize by welcoming all into our church.

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**, at **6:45PM**. Deacon Byrd Corbett's presentation is titled "A Toast to the Journey: Memento Mori." Join us and Deacon Byrd for an informative discussion on this interesting topic and learn more about your faith!

SAVE THE DATE - 2024 ST. MARGARET FALL FESTIVAL

This year's St. Margaret Festival Day is **Sunday, November 17, 2024**. We are seeking **NEW** and **HANDCRAFTED** items for the auction; we also love donations of Services or Experiences to add to the auction. Please contact Gina Little at 504.237.7105 or glittle1985@gmail.com if you have a donation to make. Our next planning meeting is this **Monday, October 21, 2024**, at **5:45PM** in the Hall of Saints. All are welcome!

KC MOVIE NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a movie night to show the re-released film "Cabrini" on **Friday, October 18, 2024**, at **6:30PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome for our premier event!

TRUNK OR TREAT!

The Catholic Daughters and the Yummy for Your Tummy Team will host the Fourth Annual St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 26, 2024**. The fun will begin at **6:00PM**. Decorate your trunk and bring treats to share. Be sure to wear your favorite costume! Come join us for trick or treating, pizza, chips, and drinks. Please contact Tracy Andry at 225.485.5215 or tkandry@charter.net for more information or to sign up for a trunk. Hope to see you there!

STORE UP HEAVENLY RICHES

All Saints Day 2024

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

To encourage more participation from those who live outside the community, the Blessing of the Graves will take place in the St. Margaret Cemetery on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**, immediately after the 10:00AM Mass.

BOOK OF MEMORY

In the month of November, we are called in a special way to remember our departed brothers and sisters and to ask God to give them admittance to the kingdom. During October, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the entrance of St. Margaret and St. Thomas for the faithful to inscribe the names of their beloved dead who will be remembered in our prayers throughout November.

ALL SAINTS DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL MASS

In this special candlelight Vigil Mass for All Saints Day on **Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 6:00PM** at St. Margaret, the Book of Remembrance will be presented by the community. Also during the Mass, family members of those who lost a loved one whose funeral was celebrated either at St. Margaret or St. Thomas and/or was buried in our cemetery will be called forward by the name of their beloved deceased to light a candle especially in their memory. They will be invited to take the candle to place on the tomb of their loved one.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

We will also celebrate Mass for All Saints Day on **Friday, November 1, 2024, at 6:00PM** at St. Margaret.

CEMETERY REMINDERS

All Saints Day is fast approaching and many of you will be cleaning up the graves of your loved ones in our cemetery. Our groundskeeper, Jason, works very hard at making our cemetery a beautiful and safe place to visit. When making your loved one's resting place a thing of beauty, please be sure to observe the rules of the cemetery. No weed killer of any kind is allowed on the grounds. Only latex paint (*no oil-based paint*) is allowed on the graves. For safety reasons, no glass is allowed in the cemetery. All flowers left after All Saints Day around the graves in the grass need to be removed by December 1, 2024, or will be disposed of. Any other items left in the cemetery cannot remain in the grass. If you have any questions concerning our cemetery, please call Tammy in the parish office.

If you are interested in having your loved ones grave pressure washed for a fee by our groundskeeper, please call the parish office for contact information.

BE RICH IN SPIRIT

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

ST. MARGARET MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Special thanks to all of the wonderful St. Margaret and St. Thomas parishioners who volunteer with the monthly food distribution days. Over 165 families received food last month. We further thank our ongoing partners at Catholic Charities and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank; with this partnership families receive USDA food boxes and perishable food each month. People who need assistance can register at the next food distribution on **Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. If you already volunteer, let your team leader know that you will be able to help. If you want to get involved, please contact Sylvia Bush at 985-969-7477, so we can best utilize your time and talents.

2024 Fall Festival T-Shirt Order Form



Scan Here!



STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **October 5/6, 2024**, totaled:

\$13,736.00.

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

\$4,331.00

The **Special Collection** next weekend, **World Mission Sunday**, is for the **Propagation of the Faith**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

QUO VADIS

5th - 8th GRADE BOYS

October 25th - 27th, 2024

Camp Abbey
77002 KC Camp Road
Covington, LA 70435

Fathers are encouraged to attend with their sons

Register at: <https://bit.ly/QuoVadis2023>
or Scan the QR Code to register!

Recommended cost: \$115.00
Scholarships available upon request

For questions please contact
Luke Zumo at lukezumo@gmail.com

Hosted by Diocese of Baton Rouge Office of Vocations
and Director of Vocations, Fr. Josh Johnson

"And Jesus said to him, 'Follow Me.'" John 1:43

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Larry Borgstede by Carol Borgstede McGough.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Leroy Amato, Roy Barrios, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Brett Thomas Bonin,
Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Joseph Andrew Dick, June Fos, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,
Michelle Duhon Fruchtnicht, Homer Gaspard, Rose Gauthier, Ricky Genre,
Ella Ruth Giamis, Jeanne Dakin Guillot, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Leon Latino, Jr., Connie Louviere, Ray J. Louviere,
George Muscat, Anthony Nicolich, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Andy Pfiffner,
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr., Anne Sherman
and Yancy Watkins

Sunday, October 13, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Myrtle T. Aucoin, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez, John LaGrange,
Charlie Martin and Gerald Melancon

Sunday, October 13, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 13, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

Donald Deshotels

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus)

Buck Grantham

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch)

Lynette Pfiffner

Friday, October 18, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of St. Luke)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

JOIN JESUS IN THE CLASSROOM OF SILENCE

Come spend some time with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday from
7:30AM until **8:00PM**. Committed adorers are always needed. Contact Gretchen Johnson
for more information at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mary E. Herbert
(Pastor's Administrative Assistant)
Tammy Resetar (Receptionist)
Peggy Desselle (Contributions Manager)

PASTORAL STAFF

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1174

Wisdom 7:7-11

Nothing compares to
the gift of wisdom.

Hebrews 4:12-13

God's word penetrates
our soul and spirit.

Mark 10:17-30

Make God our priority in life.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19/20, 2024

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 13, 2024

11:15AM—Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
11:15AM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 5), St. Margaret Church
6:45PM—Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints
6:45PM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 7), St. Margaret Church

Monday, October 14, 2024

8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints
5:00PM—Mondays with Mary, St. Margaret Church
5:30PM—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

8:30AM—St. Matthew's Guild, St. Cecilia Room
9:30AM—Bible Study, Holy Spirit, St. Ignatius Room
6:00PM—Hospitality Minister Workshop, St. Margaret Church
6:30PM—Adult Confirmation Class, St. Ignatius Room
6:30PM—Respect Life Committee Meeting, St. Margaret Room

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
9:00AM—One Book, One Church, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
9:00AM—Staff Faith Formation, St. Ignatius Room
3:00PM—Cemetery Committee, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
5:00PM—Junior Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room
6:30PM—OCIA, Parish Hall
6:30PM—High School Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room

Thursday, October 17, 2024

9:30AM—Food Distribution, Parish Hall & Church Grounds
4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
5:30PM—CDA Rosary, St. Jean Vianney Room
6:00PM—Book of Matthew Bible Study, Hall of Saints
6:00PM—Catholic Daughters Meeting, St. Jean Vianney Room
6:00PM—Vocations Committee, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Friday, October 18, 2024

6:30PM—KC Movie Night "Cabrin", St. Margaret Room

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Propagation of the Faith Special Collection!
3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

TOWNHALL MEETING ON HOMELESS SHELTER

If you are interested in finding out more about the operation of a homeless shelter in Hammond in the former Baytown Inn hotel, please join us for a Townhall meeting on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024**, at either **10:00AM** or **6:00PM** at the proposed shelter located at 42309 South Morrison Blvd., Hammond.



2024 Hammond Life Chain: October 2, 2024, supporters gathered at Restoration House Pregnancy Center to stand for life and against abortion. Thank you to Victoria Dubret for gathering others to help stand up for life.

