

OCTOBER 5/6, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

*"It is not good
for man to be
alone."*

~Genesis 2:18



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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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

05 September 2024

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Baton Rouge:

The upcoming annual Continuing Formation Days for our priests are scheduled 07-10 October 2024. These days represent an important occasion for our priests' renewal and growth in intellectual and spiritual formation, emotional maturity, and physical well-being. Since these days are offered once a year and is a commitment by the diocese for their on-going formation, participation by our active priests is mandatory.

With the guidance of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council and Priests' Continuing Formation Committee, the site secured this year for these days is in Mobile, Alabama, and our parish priests will not be commuting back-and-forth to their parishes of assignment. Their temporary absence will affect certain regular pastoral ministries. In particular, the schedule of weekday Masses and possible times for funeral Masses may be impacted and adjusted in your parish during these Annual Formation Days. While this is a sacrifice, I consider this sacrifice worth making. Deacons can provide needed funeral rites, namely the vigil wake service, funeral without Mass, and rite of committal. If the local parish staff is unable to secure a deacon for this special funeral need, the parish staff may call the Office of the Vicar General (Fr. Jamin David) at 225.387.0561 for further assistance; Deacon Paul Soileau will assist with this coverage.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our priests with their ongoing formation renewal for ministry. I ask that you pray for our priests and our diocese during these days. I appreciate your affirmation and encouragement of our priests who give their lives for our diocese. May God be generous in leading us into the future with hope.

In Christ our Hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael G. Duca".

Most Reverend Michael G. Duca

Bishop of Baton Rouge

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EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

ONE BOOK, ONE CHURCH

All men and women in the parish are invited to participate in our upcoming book study! The group will be reading *"Stronger Than Steel" Soldiers of the Great War Write to Therese of Lisieux*. Our first session will be on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**, and continue for 3 additional weeks. Please visit the parish office to register or print the flyer on our website. There is no cost to participate. Joining One Book, One Church is a wonderful way you can learn more about your faith with other members of our community!

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**. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn more about this controversial topic! *Gloria Messenger will be outside of all Masses this weekend with additional Respect Life information!*

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 the Hall of Saints. 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 information 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! Heads up! Order instructions for St. Margaret Fall Festival t-shirts will be posted soon!

BEAUTIFUL WAY TO HONOR A LOVED ONE OR SPECIAL OCCASION

Having flowers given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion in St. Margaret Church is a beautiful way to celebrate. Call the parish office to schedule this memorial or honorarium. We currently have several weekends available until year end.

WALK IN THE LORD'S WAYS

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Lauren Becnel; Inez & Thomas Hines, Sr.; Adam Amato, Gwendolyn Berteau, & Paisley Hanaczewski; Ronilyn & Jaxon Gonzales & Steven & Tara Damen; James, Robin, Adman, Abigail, Alexander & Alan Deslatte; Cathryn Fauchaux; and Jessica, Matthew, Anthony, Luke & Blake St. Cyr.** Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to "officially" register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website. Family members are also asked to register when they turn 18 years of age. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God's love!

MARIAN SERVANTS of the Visitation present*



*Veni Sancte Spiritus
Come Holy Spirit Conference*

*A Fresh Encounter with the Lord
Receive Healing and a Stirring up of the Gifts of the
Holy Spirit igniting the Flame of Love, Joy & Zeal*

**Saturday, October 12, 2024
8:00 am – 2:30 pm**

Mater Dolorosa Church
620 Third Street, Independence, LA

Sign-In and Coffee
8:00 am - Knights of Columbus Hall
(Across the side street from the church parking lot)

Speakers: Tricia Jarratt, Linda Kelley & Peggy Bailey

Topics: God's Love, Salvation, Healing, New Life in the Holy Spirit,
God's Gifts & Growing in the Spirit

Music by Fernando Morales & Province Cinco

Register by Tuesday, October 1 via text to Connie@ 985-974-1790
*Include your name, email, church parish and phone number

Free Admission ~ Lunch will be provided

Please consider an offering to the **Visitation Community** to support us in continuing our mission of bringing others to healing, freedom and purpose in Christ.

BLESS THE LORD MY SOUL

May the Lord bless and protect us all the days of our lives.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR THESE SOULS

Please join our Prayer Line Ministers as we pray for the these community and family members and friends:

Molly Abele, Brenda Melancon Allen, Cynthia Amato, Gwen Barado, Walter Barado, Sr., Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Andy Berthelot, Cindy Brasington, Francie Bruhl, Virginia Caffrey, Julie Callihan, Linda Coats, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Phil & Debbie Cortana, Addi Coxem, Bill & Cynthia Cummer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Larry Evans, Elise “Breezy” Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Vickie Jones, Delta Kovach, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Vicky Jones, Donna Laciura, Stephen Ledet, Jayden Louque, Karen Macaluso, Lillie Millet, Victor Napoli, Chip Norman, Sidney Ourso, Pete Pfiffner, Jolie Picou, Steve Plauche, Mary Prokop, Albert Rayborn, Patrick Riche, Coogan Ryan, C.W. Sandufer, Gill Scioneaux, Jules Simoneaux, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito Tallia, Myra Timberlake, Trysten Tucker, Bonnie Walker, Lydia Watts, Jackie Wedge, Delores & Keith Wheat, Judy Wolfe, 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.

Want our parishioners to pray for your intentions? Contact Rose Mary at 985.507.7487.

“THE T-R-I-P PRAYER”

For married couples to incorporate daily prayer into their relationship.

Begin with sign of the cross and moment of silence. Then begin the **TRIP** prayer:

1. **Thanksgiving** - What are we thankful for today? “Lord, I am thankful for that great conversation I had with my boss. Lord, I am thankful for my wife’s wonderful dinner!”
2. **Reflect** - read the Gospel of the day or the Gospel for that Sunday or some other daily devotional (couples can discuss what they may have heard from the Gospel or reading)
3. **Intercession** - Who needs prayer today? “Lord, we pray for _____ today”
4. **Plan** - How can I grow to better our relationship? Where do we need God’s guidance? “Lord, help me to grow in patience, be a better listener” OR “Lord, help us discern if we need to get a new car or fix the current one”

End with Our Father and/or Hail Mary.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **September 28/29, 2024**, totaled:

\$12,891.00.

There will be no **Special or Second Collection** next weekend.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Josh Tye by Kim Navarre.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 5, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

John Aranyosi, Myrtle T. Aucoin, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Brett Thomas Bonin,
Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Joseph Andrew Dick, June Fos,
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Anthony & Anna Friedman, Judy Friedman,
Homer Gaspard, Mark Gaspard, Jr., Fred Gauthier, Rose Gauthier, Ricky Genre,
Jeanne Guillot, David Burrell Harrison, III, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Leon Latino, Jr., Irene Leon, Connie Louviere,
Ray J. Louviere, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Andy Pfiffner,
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr.
and Anne Sherman

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez, John LaGrange,
Charlie Martin, Chucky Martin and Frank Parrino

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

June Magner

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Thursday, October 10, 2024, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Friday, October 11, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholic welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of September: **Stetson Flowers**. May this child 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!

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1171

Genesis 2:18-24

I will make a suitable partner for him.

Hebrews 2:9-11

Jesus became one with us
in taking on human nature.

Mark 10:2-16

Man and woman are equal
in creating a lifelong marriage.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12/13, 2024

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Respect Life Sunday!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Coffee & Donut Sunday!

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

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

Monday, October 7, 2024

8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints

10:00AM—St. Thomas Altar Society, St. Thomas Chapel

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

NO Daily Mass!

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

6:30PM—Adult Confirmation Class, St. Jean Vianney Room

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

NO Daily Mass!

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

9:00AM—One Book, One Church, 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

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree, St. Maria Goretti Room

Thursday, October 10, 2024

NO Daily Mass!

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Book of Matthew Bible Study, Hall of Saints

Friday, October 11, 2024

Daily Mass at 7:00AM!

Saturday, October 12, 2024

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be NO daily Mass from **Tuesday, October 8** through **Thursday, October 10, 2024**, due to the Diocese Annual Priest Formation Days. There will be confessions on **Thursday, October 10, 2024**, at **4:00PM** and **7:00AM** Mass on **Friday, October 11, 2024**.

