

NOVEMBER 16/17, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

*“Heaven and earth will
pass away, but my words
will not pass away.”*

~Mark 13:31

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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DEACON DELIBERATIONS

By Deacon Tim Messenger

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

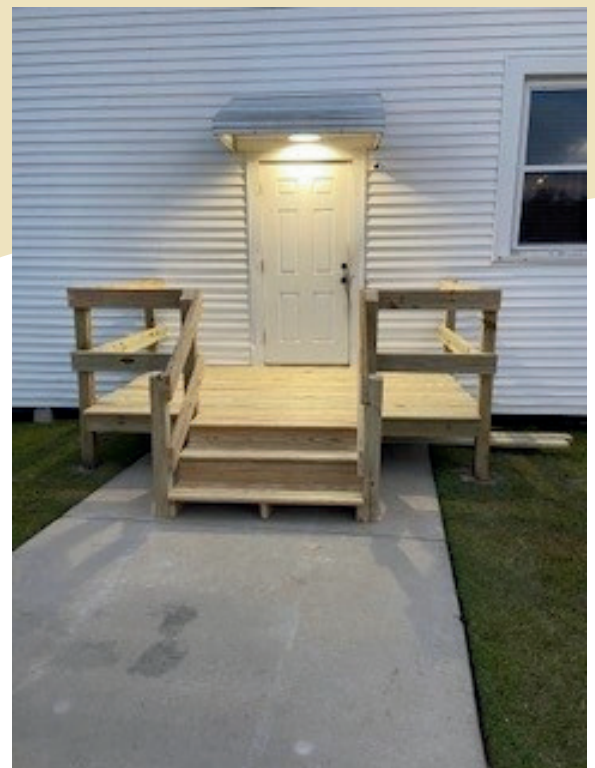
Chances are you may have seen the just-completed deck and steps on the side/south entrance of the parish hall. If you have not, you will get a chance to see it and test it this Sunday at the parish fall festival. The deck, like the side dishes that come from the Messenger household for St. Margaret events, will indeed be safe because my limited cooking/construction involvement. In all seriousness, I want to thank Lonnie Harper and Danny Kropog for the time and expertise they contributed to the project. My limited contribution was comedic relief when a cut came up short or Danny's stories ran long. I want to also thank a number of other parishioners who answered the bulletin invite but were not needed for this particular project. Which brings me to the other reason for this article.

The spirit of volunteerism and stewardship has long been a hallmark of our Catholic faith, universally and especially here in our church parish. We have incredibly generous and talented parishioners manifested in the many ministries we operate and needy we serve. And opportunity knocks again! With Fr. Paul's endorsement, we're launching a new ministry called ***St. Joseph Helpers***, a ministry, believe it or not, that involves no meetings, but simply a parishioner's willingness to utilize their talents or simply their time, at their availability, to help with the occasional small repair projects around the church. You probably think the motivation is to save costs, be good stewards of our resources. And while you are somewhat correct, I believe there is an even greater value in a ministry like this.

It is called community, fellowship, camaraderie, simply put, family. It was evident in this small construction project. It has been evident in the monthly food distribution and so many other ministries here, where our efforts do not feel like work because of the fun we have and the community we build. It is truly the work of the Holy Spirit. So if you're interested in applying your talents or like me, just giving some of your time, and building and being a deeper part of our community, please email Deacon Tim @ tmessenger@stmargaretstthomas.com for more information on how you can become part of this ministry.

Have a great week!

Deacon Tim



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

ST. MARGARET FALL FESTIVAL IS HERE!

Join us to celebrate the Feast of our Patroness, St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**, from **12:30PM** until **4:00PM** here on our church grounds. There will be live music, a silent auction, bounce houses for the kids, food, face painting and more! **Follow along daily with the St. Margaret Novena on Facebook!**

ST. MARGARET MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Each month St. Margaret parishioners truly demonstrate what we hear in the gospel, Love Thy Neighbor. In October, we provided over 185 families with USDA food boxes and perishable food through our partnership with Catholic Charities and the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. There were over 50 volunteers who helped set up tents, put out tables/chairs, ice chests with water and signs, unload boxes of food, sort the perishable food, package it for distribution, do registration, have recipients sign for their food, direct traffic, clean up and more. The next Food Distribution is **Thursday, November 21, 2024**, from **9:30AM** until **11:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **12:00PM**. If you already volunteer, let your team leader know that you will be able to help. If you want to get involved, please call 985.969.7477 so we can best utilize your time and talents.

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On **Sunday, November 24, 2024**, after the **10:00AM** Mass, please join the Knights of Columbus and Fr. Paul for a Eucharistic procession in honor of Christ the King. The Solemnity of Christ the King is a celebration of Jesus Christ on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Catholics celebrate the Feast of Christ the King to express their faith to the public. The solemnity is a reminder that while many bad things are happening in the world, Christ lives and reigns forever. It also encourages people not to fear publicly living out their faith; a Eucharistic procession is a great example of someone living out their faith because people are walking in a group outside and praying to the Blessed Sacrament.

BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us on **Sunday, December 1, 2024**, starting at **9:00AM** until **1:00PM** in the parish hall for a blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights will be serving donors a sausage, biscuit and grits breakfast. Donors will also receive a Blood Bank t-shirt and a Don's Seafood card for a free Jacked-up Shrimp appetizer. Your blood donation can go on to save up to three lives in our community. Walk-ins will be welcomed, but appointments are encouraged. If you would like to give blood at the Blood Center, please use code D227 to designate your life-giving donation for St. Margaret. Share your love! Donate blood!

PSR CLASS SCHEDULE REMINDER

There will be no PSR class this weekend, **Sunday, November 17, 2024**, for our Fall Festival celebration or next weekend, **Sunday, November 24, 2024**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on **Sunday, December 1, 2024**. See you at the Fall Festival and at Mass!

St. Margaret Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Memorial Mass 2024



This Mass is celebrated in loving memory of all our deceased members.
We appreciate your dedication, charity, time, works and love
for our parish and surrounding community.



<i>Jim Aldredge</i>	<i>Dcn. Warren Fortenberry</i>	<i>Steve Kfuka</i>	<i>Henry Novak</i>
<i>Don Bankston</i>	<i>Charlie Fox</i>	<i>Louis Koleszar, Jr.</i>	<i>Frank Parrino</i>
<i>James Barker</i>	<i>Rose Mary Fox</i>	<i>Francis Kronlage</i>	<i>Lynette Pfiffner</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bordok</i>	<i>Libby Fisackerly</i>	<i>Helen Kropog</i>	<i>Chuck Raborn, Sr.</i>
<i>Louis Bordok</i>	<i>Robert Fisackerly, Jr.</i>	<i>John Kropog</i>	<i>Benny Randazzo</i>
<i>Philip Brabham</i>	<i>Norman Frisbie</i>	<i>Joseph Kropog</i>	<i>Marie Raquel Randazzo</i>
<i>William Carr</i>	<i>Pauline Frisbie</i>	<i>William Kropog</i>	<i>Margaret Resetar</i>
<i>Kirby Chatelain</i>	<i>Ed Garro</i>	<i>Henry Lacour, Jr.</i>	<i>Michael Richard</i>
<i>Polly Chatelain</i>	<i>Rose Mary Gascon</i>	<i>Shirley Lacour</i>	<i>Janet Sarran</i>
<i>Karen Chemay</i>	<i>Tommy Gascon</i>	<i>Vernon Landry, Jr.</i>	<i>Wiley Sharp</i>
<i>Theresa Christina</i>	<i>Fred Gauthier</i>	<i>John Langan</i>	<i>Aaron Sziszak</i>
<i>Ben Clary</i>	<i>Rose Gauthier</i>	<i>Dale Lorio</i>	<i>Emil "Sonny" Sziszak</i>
<i>Kevlin Coates</i>	<i>Angelo Gendusa</i>	<i>Charles "Charlie" Martin</i>	<i>Rosie Sziszak</i>
<i>John Courouleau</i>	<i>Maurice "Mo" Gerhardt</i>	<i>Sallie Martin</i>	<i>Joe Tantilto, Jr.</i>
<i>Frances Dantin</i>	<i>Monsignor Leo Guillot</i>	<i>Conrad Metz</i>	<i>Anaise Touchard</i>
<i>James Darouse</i>	<i>Walter Hakenjós</i>	<i>Eugene Metz</i>	<i>Steve Vuljoin</i>
<i>Margaret Davenport</i>	<i>Hubert Higginbotham</i>	<i>Michael Michon</i>	<i>Joan Wallace</i>
<i>Charles DeMars</i>	<i>John Huszar</i>	<i>George Mocsary</i>	<i>John Wallace</i>
<i>Clayton Drury</i>	<i>Beryl Ivanyisky</i>	<i>Josie Mocsary</i>	<i>Carlton Ware</i>
<i>Mary Drury</i>	<i>Steve Ivanyisky</i>	<i>Dixie Moore</i>	<i>Margie Watkins</i>
<i>Leo Dugas</i>	<i>Carolyn Johnson</i>	<i>Harold Moore</i>	<i>Peter Watkins</i>
<i>Lela Mae Fontenot</i>	<i>Sylvia Kinchen</i>	<i>Bill Moran</i>	<i>Hance Westmorland</i>
<i>Libby Fortenberry</i>	<i>Urban Kinchen</i>	<i>Frank Novak</i>	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

LORD, MY PORTION AND CUP

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

PRAYER WARRIORS: PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

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

Molly Abele, Cynthia Amato, Gwen Barado, Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Francie Bruhl, Julie Callihan, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Addi Coxem, Bill & Cynthia Cummer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Delta Kovach, Mary E. Herbert, Stephen Ledet, Jayden Louque, Karen Macaluso, Earl Magner, Larry, Jenn, Charlotte & Grace McKnight, Lillie Millet, Victor Napoli, Sidney Ourso, Pete Pfiffner, Steve Plauche, Bill Prokop, Mary Prokop, Coogan Ryan, Gill Scioneaux, Jules Simoneaux, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito Tallia, Myra Timberlake, Trysten Tucker, Bonnie Walker, Lydia Watts, Jackie Wedge, Delores & Keith Wheat, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who need our prayers.

Want to add someone to this prayer list? Call the parish office.

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



ST. MARGARET
Live Nativity

A FESTIVE EVENING DEDICATED TO THE GREATEST EVENT
- THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024, 5:30 PM
St. Margaret Parish Hall

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MELISSA BERGHAUSEN
AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR
MBERGHAUSEN@STMARGARETSTTHOMAS.COM

MONDAY MORNING MASS

Now that Fr. Laz has joined our parish, we will again be celebrating daily Mass on Mondays. Beginning **Monday, December 2, 2024**, Fr. Laz will celebrate Mass at **7:00AM** at St. Margaret Church.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **November 9/10, 2024**, totaled:

\$13,110.00

The **St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection** totaled:

\$3,618.00

YOU LOST IT, WE FOUND IT?

If you visited our church grounds or buildings and lost an item such as a rosary, sunglasses, reading glasses, children's book, umbrella, plush pillow, etc., please call or visit the parish office. By the help of St. Anthony, we may have found your lost item.

There is 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
Christine Horrell by Joe & Lucie Hanewinkel.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Vincent Amato, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay,
Joseph Andrew Dick, Larry Evans, June Fos, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard,
Linda C. Gaudin, Rose Gauthier, Ricky Genre, Lisa Ham Grandy, Jeanne Dakin Guillot,
Lois Jahn Ham, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Frank & Margaret Koles, Ann Kopacz,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Leon Latino, Jr., Connie Louviere, Sue Novak, June Koles Olah,
Lynette Pfiffner, Pete Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr.,
Terry Starwalt, Jenny Tumminello, Yancy Watkins and Tonya Wise

Sunday, November 17, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Caleb Degenhardt, Lloyd Dominguez,
John LaGrange, Clarence & Faye Landeche, Charlie Martin, Chuck Raborn, Sr.,
Charles & Marie Stumpf and Chuck Stumpf

Sunday, November 17, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, November 17, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

Leon Latino, Jr.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Frank Parrino

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Presentation of the BVM)

George Navarre

Friday, November 22, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Cecilia)

Fred Gauthier

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in front of the altar this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **George Navarre** donated by Kim Navarre. The flowers by the ambo are in remembrance of the **deceased Knights and Ladies** by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary. 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

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

PRIESTS

Father Paul August Gros (Pastor)
Father Lazaru Panthagani (Associate Pastor)

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1189

Daniel 12:1-3

The wise and the just
shall one day shine.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

He took his seat forever
at the right hand of God.

Mark 13:24-32

She contributed from her poverty.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23/24, 2024

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Campaign for Human Development Special Collection!

NO PSR classes today!

St. Margaret Fall Festival Day!

12:30PM—**St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Fall Festival**, Church Grounds

Monday, November 18, 2024

iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving Opens Today!

8:15AM—**Catholic Schoolhouse**, Hall of Saints

1:30PM—**St. Faustina's Stitches**, St. Jean Vianney Room

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

6:00PM—**Missions & Retreats Committee**, St. Ignatius Room

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Parish Office Closed from 1:00PM until 3:00PM!

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

1:00PM—**Staff Meeting**, 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, November 21, 2024

9:30AM—**Food Distribution**, Church Grounds

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

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

Friday, November 22, 2024

6:00PM—**Catholic Schoolhouse Showcase**, Parish Hall

Saturday, November 23, 2024

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, for our monthly staff meeting. Also, in observance of Thanksgiving, the office will be closed **Thursday, November 28** and **Friday, November 29, 2024**. There will be no Masses on these days. Please make sure to take care of any business around these closures. Thank you for your consideration!

THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS

Our Thanksgiving Vigil Mass will be held at St. Margaret on **Wednesday, November 27, 2024**, at **6:00PM**. Parishioners are invited to bring your bread and wine that will be served the next day at your family gathering for a special blessing during the Mass.

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DECEMBER 3, 2024

ADVANCED GIVING STARTS
NOVEMBER 18

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WWW.IGIVECATHOLIC.ORG
- 2 SEARCH**
St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland
- 3 DONATE**
\$10 OR MORE

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