

JANUARY 18/19, 2025

THE PEW BUDDY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*“Do whatever He
tells you.”*

~John 2:5

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 Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ as we begin this Jubilee year of 2025. Back in May 2024 Pope Francis declared in a document entitled “Hope Does Not Disappoint” that this coming year would be a year of jubilee for the Church. Britannica.com described a Catholic jubilee year as “a celebration that is observed for one full year every 25 years, during which Catholics may be granted remission of sins (in the form of an indulgence) by the pope under certain conditions, such as completing a pilgrimage.” The last jubilee year that was declared was an extraordinary jubilee year in 2016 for the “Year of Mercy” and before that was in 2000 when Pope St. John Paul II declared a jubilee year for the new millennium.

This year the jubilee year is a “Year of Hope.” Pope Francis wrote in his document in May: “*We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...*”

Jubilee years go all the way back to ancient Biblical time in which every 50 years the Israelites would celebrate a year of “rest” and “emancipation”. Leviticus 25:10 states: ***This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, everyone to his own family estate.*** During this year, debts were forgiven, slaves were freed, and land was returned to its original owners. It was a time that God wanted Israel to recall that they had been once slaves and had been freed by God through Moses. That same mercy was to be shown to others as He had shown to them.

The Catholic Church picked up this tradition in 1300 AD when Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Christian jubilee, granting full remission of sin for those who confessed their sins and made a pilgrimage to St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Today a plenary indulgence is attached to certain stipulations that are conducted by the faithful during the Jubilee Year. The Holy See issued a decree on May 13, 2024, outlining the ways that Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year. ***“A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized. Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences for the deceased in one day...”*** (Diocese of Baton Rouge Year of Jubilee of Hope plenary indulgences)

These stipulations include a pious visit to a sacred place. In our diocese several churches have been named “sacred places” including St. Joseph Cathedral and Mater Dolorosa in Independence. ***A pious visit includes spending a “suitable” amount of time during a prayerful visit in Eucharistic adoration, either in exposition or before the tabernacle, meditation, and concluding with praying for the intentions of Pope Francis, the recitation of the Our Father, any legitimate form of the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*** (Diocese of Baton Rouge Year of Jubilee of Hope plenary indulgences).

To obtain any of the plenary indulgences refer to our diocesan website – www.diobr.org/jubilee

Happy Jubilee Year 2025!!

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be this **Sunday, January 19, 2025**, at **6:45PM**. Danielle Van Haute, Associate Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, and Fr. Paul Gros will present "You Had Me at Merlot: Natural Family Planning." Join us to learn more about your faith!

ROTISSERIE CHICKEN DINNER

The Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus will be selling tickets outside of Mass this weekend, **January 18/19, 2025**, for Rotisserie Chicken Dinners. Each dinner includes a jumbo leg quarter, baked beans, corn on the cob, bread and dessert. These meals can be picked up on **Friday, January 24, 2025**, between **11:00AM** and **12:30PM** in the parish hall. The cost is \$11 per plate and all funds raised will benefit the KC/Ladies charitable activities, including supporting and assisting many St. Margaret ministries and events.

CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Every year the Louisiana State Knights of Columbus recognize one boy and one girl from each KC Council awarding them with a cash prize. If you are a high school senior and you would like to be considered for this honor, contact Glenn Young at 225.964.0947 for instructions/information to complete the online CYLA application form. The completed form **MUST** be emailed to rgyoung2@bellsouth.net before **Saturday, January 25, 2025**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING SPIRIT

The generosity of the St. Margaret/St. Thomas parishioners is abundant and overwhelming. Families and organizations opened their hearts to help 32 needy families in our local community and made Christmas brighter for 92 children and their caregivers. As volunteers talked and met with the families during this project, we listened to the difficulties they face and we prayed with them to have strength and faith in the Lord. All expressed gratitude for the blessings they received from our community. The amazing generosity of those who participated in this project is a testament to our faith and commitment to the less fortunate. A big thank you from your St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. We are so grateful for your giving heart.

REQUEST YOUR TAX STATEMENT

Tax time is right around the corner! If you are a *registered* parishioner and need a statement of your annual contributions to our church community for 2024, please call Peggy Desselle at extension 103 and leave her a message with your name and specific request. Thank you for your generosity to our parish all throughout the year! Parishioners really make St. Margaret a dynamic parish!

SAY TO ALL “THE LORD IS KING”



PLEASE JOIN
ST. MARGARET
FOR
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP'S
AND
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY'S



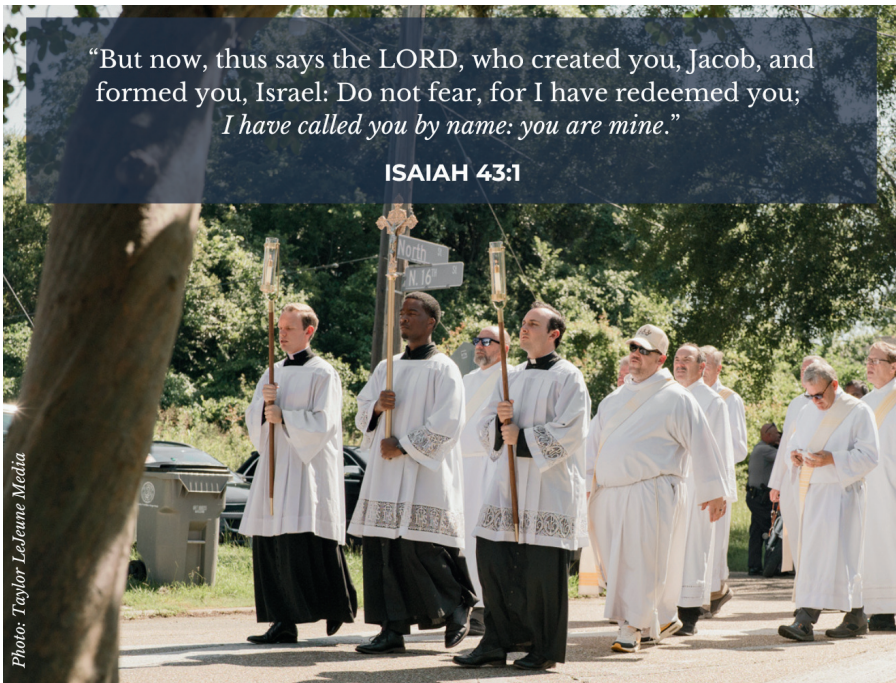
BABY WIPES AND
DIAPERS OF ANY
SIZE IS
APPRECIATED!

February 05, 2025
6:30pm-8:00PM
St. Margaret Room
Dinner will be provided!

“But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.”

ISAIAH 43:1

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Scan the QR code to submit the name of a young man you believe might be called to discern the priesthood.

Remember, there are many good prospective priests who are simply waiting to be asked.



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O SING TO THE LORD

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR HEALING

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

Molly Abele, Darrel Amato, Gwen Barado, Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Francie Bruhl, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Addi Coxem, Bill & Cynthia Cummer, Rhonda Dedman, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Cecil Ellenberger, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Marsha Hoffman, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, Mary E. Herbert, Stephen Ledet, Jayden Louque, Karen Macaluso, Larry, Jenn, Charlotte & Grace McKnight, Judy Monistere, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Steve Plauche, Mary Prokop, Coogan Ryan, Jules Simoneaux, Gerard Staub, Brittnay Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito Tallia, Myra Timberlake, Trysten Tucker, Bonnie Walker, Lydia Watts, Jackie Wedge, Debbie Wheat, 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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

SESSION I
Saturday, January 18, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
St. Thomas More Catholic Church,
St. Theresa Room

SESSION II
Saturday, February 1, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
St. George Catholic Church,
Kleinpeter Activity Center

SESSION III
Saturday, February 15, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
St. George Catholic Church,
Kleinpeter Activity Center

SESSION IV
Saturday, March 1, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
St. George Catholic Church,
Kleinpeter Activity Center

SESSION V
Saturday, March 15, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University
(FRANU)

For more information, contact Deacon
Terry Bellon at tbellon@diobr.org.



STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **January 11/12, 2025**, totaled:

\$12,186.00.

The **Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign Second Collection** totaled:

\$2,849.00.

The Special Collection next weekend is for the **Church in Latin America!**

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
George & Eric Navarre by Kim Navarre.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 18, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Catherine M. Barbier, Dr. Andrew & Olga Bartosh, Bergeron-Plauche' Families,
Milton Boackle, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, William "Bill" Dantin, III,
Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin,
Rose & Fred Gauthier, Ricky Genre, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Leon Latino, Jr., Charlie & Mary Leon, Connie Louviere,
Ray J. Louviere, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Sidney Ourso,
Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr.,
Gill Scioneaux, Anne Sherman, Roy E. Threeton and Joe Vaurigaud

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, John LaGrange, Charlie Martin,
Chuck Raborn, Sr., Gill Scioneaux and Russell Wood

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, January 20, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Agnes)

Donivan Jones

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, January 24, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Francis de Sales)

Souls in Purgatory

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers on the altar this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Eric Navarre** donated by Kim Navarre. 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

Monday 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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1097

Isaiah 62:1-5

God loves and restores Israel as a spouse.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

The Spirit bestows many diverse but equal gifts.

John 2:1-11

Jesus' first sign is at the wedding feast at Cana.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25/26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 19, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

KC Rotisserie Chicken Dinner Ticket Sales!

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

11:15AM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 3), St. Margaret Church

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Grade 2), Hall of Saints

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

6:45PM—Circle of Grace (Grade 8), Hall of Saints

6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room



Monday, January 20, 2025

Mondays with Mary Canceled!

8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints

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

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

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

6:00PM—Respect Life Committee Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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

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, January 23, 2025

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

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

Friday, January 24, 2025

11:00AM—KC Rotisserie Chicken Dinners, Parish Hall

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Church in Latin America Special Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

A poster for the 'ARISE' Diocesan Middle School Rally. The word 'ARISE' is written in large, bold, blue letters at the top. Below it, in a red banner, is 'DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY'. The date 'SATURDAY, MARCH 29' and time '1PM - 9PM' are prominently displayed. A yellow starburst graphic says 'Group Registration Opening Soon!'. The location is 'ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER'. At the bottom, it says 'All current 6th-8th graders are invited!'.

A poster for the 'St. Margaret Youth Group Night of Reflection'. The background is a dark blue starry night sky. At the top, it says 'St. Margaret Youth Group' and 'Night of Reflection' in white, handwritten-style text. The date and time are 'FEB. 12, 2025 6:30PM-8:00PM' and the location is 'JPII ROOM'. It notes 'DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED'. A large white circle contains the text: 'Join us as we examine our consciences and reflect on how we can spread the love of Jesus Christ each and every day!'. At the bottom, it says 'CONTACT MELISSA BERGHAUSEN FOR QUESTIONS (225) 567-3573'.