

JANUARY 25/26, 2025

THE PEW BUDDY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"The Spirit of the
Lord is upon me."*
~Luke 4:18a

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! I come to you in this bulletin article bearing good news! We have chosen McGinnis as our contractor for the St. Thomas Renovation (the same contractor that renovated St. Margaret Church) and met with them last week. Because of your generosity during the holiday season, we have well exceeded our financial goal set in my letter I mailed out to the community before Christmas. So much so, that we have been able to go back to our original plans even before the initial bids came in. This means that there will be no major changes in what we originally intended! This is great news and a true gift from the Lord!

Please be aware that we plan to start removing furnishings from the church by mid-February. This means that **OUR LAST 8:00AM MASS WILL BE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2! BEGINNING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 8:00AM MASS WILL BE AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH.** We will need volunteers to help assist in removing anything that is not bolted down, including the statues, pews, sanctuary furnishings, vestments, candles, tables, sound system and stations of the cross and moving them to St. Margaret parish hall. If you are interested in assisting in this way, please contact Deacon Tim Messenger at tmessenger@stmargaretstthomas.com. He will keep a list of volunteers and let you know via email more details as we get closer.

We also plan to sell the old pews for a suggested donation of \$300 each. If you are interested in buying a pew (and if you would like a specific pew) please email Deacon Tim at tmessenger@stmargaretstthomas.com. We will also be offering to sell the windows as well at a later date.

I hope you are as excited as I am about finally getting started! Please ask St. Thomas the Apostle to pray for us that all goes well as we move forward beautifying our beloved chapel!

Finally, please wish Fr. Laz safe travels and prayers this month. He will be travelling back to India to celebrate the dedication of a church in his native village called Our Lady Help of Christians he has been planning and funding. The celebration will take place on February 4th at 10:00AM his time and February 3rd at 9:00PM our time. May the Holy Angels watch and protect him in his travels and stay and bring him back to us safe!!

Have a wonderful week!

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

KC ROTISSERIE CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

Due to the snowstorm, the date to pick up your Rotisserie Chicken dinners has been changed to **Friday, January 31, 2025**, between **11:00AM** and **12:30PM** in the parish hall. We have a few tickets available in the parish office. Each dinner includes a jumbo leg quarter, baked beans, corn on the cob, bread and dessert. 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.

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Join the St. Margaret Respect Life Ministry and the High School Youth Group for a baby shower to support our local pregnancy crisis center on **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**, from **6:30PM** until **8:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Baby wipes, bibs and diapers of any size are appreciated. Dinner will be served, and all parishioners are invited to attend!

YUMMY ITALIANO

Bring your favorite Italian dish such as spaghetti & meatballs, pizza, manicotti, cannoli, etc. on **Saturday, February 8, 2025**, after the 4:00PM Mass in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints for our next Yummy for Your Tummy themed "Italian Night." Join us for good food and fellowship!

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be **Sunday, February 16, 2025**, at **6:45PM**. Dina Depaula Dow, Director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, will present "Wine a Little and Laugh a Lot: Preaching the New Evangelization." Join us to learn more about your faith!

REQUEST YOUR TAX STATEMENT

Tax time is here! 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!

WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of January including **Brenley Ruiz, Maisy Miller** and **Grey Province**. May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Baleigh Henderson in the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized!

JESUS IS HERE FOR YOU!

Meeting Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and spending time with Him is a great way to prepare for all life throws at you. Come spend an hour on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. Committed adorers are always needed. Contact Gretchen Johnson for more information at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

MAKE A PIOUS PILGRIMAGE to LOCAL SACRED PLACES

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Catholics can gain a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year of Hope by making a pious pilgrimage to St. Joseph Cathedral, or one of the five other churches designated by Bishop Duca.

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL



Baton Rouge

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



Donaldsonville

MATER DOLOROSA



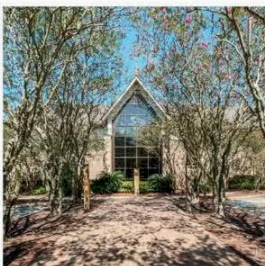
Independence

**OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL**



St. Francisville

ST. ALOYSIUS



Baton Rouge

ST. THERESA OF AVILA



Gonzales

A pious visit includes spending a "suitable" amount of time 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.

FEAR OF THE LORD IS PURE

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life.

POWER OF PRAYER AT WORK

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

Molly Abele, 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, Sherry Smith, 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Warren Gaudin, and Michael & Jamie Schwab**. 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 or in the parish office. 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! thought

MIDDLE SCHOOL-SAVE THE DATE

Super excited to announce a "Save the Date" for ARISE, the Middle School Rally! All current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, along with their chaperones, are invited to join us at St. Alphonsus in Greenwell Springs on **Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 1:00-9:00PM**. Contact Melissa Berghausen for more details.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection** for the
weekend of **January 18/19, 2025**,
totaled:

\$11,081.00.

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

\$2,312.00.

The Second Collection next
weekend is for the **Building &
Maintenance Fund!**

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is burning for the **Souls in Purgatory.**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 25, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

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

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Donivan Jones, John LaGrange,
Charlie Martin, Gill Scioneaux and Russell Wood

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, January 27, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas)

Lynette Pfiffner

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Donivan Jones

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, January 31, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. John Bosco)

Lynette Pfiffner

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers on the altar this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Chuck Raborn, Sr.** donated by his Family. 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1100

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

Ezra reads the law to
the post-exilic Jewish community.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

The baptized community is like
one body with many parts.

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

Jesus announces his mission
to bring good news.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

The Presentation of the Lord
February 1/2, 2025

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Church in Latin America Special Collection!

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

11:15AM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 4), St. Margaret Church

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Grade K & 1), Hall of Saints

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

6:45PM—High School Holy Hour, St. Margaret Church

Monday, January 27, 2025

8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

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

7:00PM—KC Fraternal Benefits Night, St. Margaret Room

Wednesday, January 29, 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 30, 2025

Parish Office Closed Today!

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

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

Friday, January 31, 2025

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

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

7:00AM—LA Ladies Auxiliary Assn. Meeting, Parish Hall

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED!

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, January 30, 2025**. Please attend to any business you may have before or after this time. Thank you for your consideration!



AMAZON WISH LIST

IF YOU WISH TO GIFT
ST. MARGARET YOUTH
GROUP, YOU MAY DO SO BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE.

SAINT MARGARET YOUTH
GROUP IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL
THE GIFTS YOUR PROVIDE!
WE ARE MOSTLY GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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