

FEBRUARY 15/16, 2025

# THE PEW BUDDY

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"Behold, your reward  
will be great in heaven"*

~Luke 6:23

### St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

30300 Catholic Hall Road | Hammond | LA 70403  
P.O. Box 100 | Albany | LA 70711

### St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

31718 Main Street | Springfield | LA 70462

#### 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!**



#### CONTACT US

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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 continue in the Ordinary Time! Last weekend I mentioned in my bulletin article a pilgrimage opportunity to Medjugorje I will be hosting along with Deacon Terry Bellon from St. George. If you missed it and may be interested, please download last weekend's bulletin from our website!

This weekend I have another opportunity to invited you to be a part of. This one is "right up my alley!" On the weekend of April 5/6, 2025, St. Margaret will sponsor a bike team for the MS-150 bike ride that leaves from the parking lot of Southeastern on the morning of Saturday, April 5th and ends at Percy Quinn State Park (and then back to Southeastern on Sunday, April 6th!) It is a 150-mile bike ride with many "pit stops" along the way (75 miles on Saturday and 75 miles on Sunday). It is NOT a race, so you can go at your own pace!

Last year I was able to do the first day's ride and loved it! This year we already have 6 members on the team (not including Deacon Tim yet!) I am hoping for others who are it "bike shape" to join us for team St. Margaret. We plan to have special jerseys made to represent our Church parish.

If you are interested in joining the team or donating to our team, please send me an email at [pgros@stmargaretsthomas.com](mailto:pgros@stmargaretsthomas.com) by March 1st.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Fr. Paul



# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

## 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!

## ST. MARGARET MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thanks to The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, Catholic Charities and all of the wonderful St. Margaret volunteers, at the January 16 food distribution, we provided 190 families (581 people) with food. The next Food Distribution is **Thursday, February 20, 2025**. Food Distribution and Registration is 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.



## ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLES

The weekend of **February 22/23, 2025**, blessed St. Joseph votive candles will be available outside church for a suggested offering of \$5.00 each. Stop by and pick up a couple for your family! Please make checks payable to St. Margaret Church. The candles will be available through the day of the St. Joseph Altar, **Sunday, March 16, 2025**. For more information about the altar, please contact John or Mary Gaeta at 225.567.2193 or text 985.320.6520.

## JESUS IS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART

Open your heart's door to Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. 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.

# FEAR NOT, BEAR MUCH FRUIT

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## 2025 ST. MARGARET PASSION PLAY

### IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM  
*(ONLY WITH JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH, ARCHANGEL GABRIEL, & ELIZABETH)*

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

*NO PRACTICE MARCH 2, 2025, FOR MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY!*

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

*NO PRACTICE SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025, FOR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR!*

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM  
*(COME READY FOR HEADSHOTS & GROUP PHOTO!!!)*

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

PRACTICE: SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

DRESS REHEARSAL: SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025  
1:00 - 4:30 PM

DRESS REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
(DURING YOUTH GROUP)

FINAL REHEARSAL: FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 (OPTIONAL)  
12:00 PM (ST. MARGARET)

VENERATION OF THE CROSS: FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 (OPTIONAL)  
3:00 PM (ST. THOMAS OR ST. MARGARET, PENDING)

PERFORMANCES!!!  
FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, 7:30 PM

ST. MARGARET PARISH HALL

### CONTACT:

MOLLY MCCARROLL: 985-687-8607 | RACHEL MCCARROLL: 985-969-8182



## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on **Friday, February 21, 2025**, for our annual staff retreat. If you have any business in the office, please attend to it before or after this date. Thanks for your consideration!

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of Altar Servers of any age, especially for the 8:00AM and 5:30PM Masses. Some of our current Altar Servers have grown up and are off to college soon. If you have made your First Communion, you are the perfect candidate to participate as an Altar Server in our liturgies. Experience the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in a whole new way. If you are interested or you have a child who is interested, please contact Kristen Beard at 985.974.8030.

# BE A DELIGHT TO THE LORD

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

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## PRAYERS FOR HEALING REQUESTED

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 Cumber, Shirley Darouse, Rhonda Dedman, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Cecil Ellenberger, 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, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, 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.



THERE IS HOPE  
*For a Better Marriage*

Retrouvaille is a three-phase program for marriages that helps couples face their marriage challenges in a productive and healthy way. It begins with a weekend retreat, followed by post weekend follow up sessions, and ongoing monthly marriage support.

Visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
to Register for an Upcoming  
Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat  
or Call 1-800-470-2230 for Information

## STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,  
the **Regular Collection** for  
the weekend of  
**February 8/9, 2025,**  
totaled:

**\$12,170.00.**

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  
**George & Eric Navarre** by Kim Navarre.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, February 15, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Catherine M. Barbier, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham,  
Karen Chemay, Merrill Cooper, William Dantin, III, Sr. June Engelbrecht,  
Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Beatrice Garcia, Homer Gaspard,  
Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,  
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Philip & Irene Leon, Connie Louviere, Ray J. Louviere,  
George Navarre, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,  
Sidney Ourso, Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,  
Chuck Raborn, Sr., Karen Robin, Brooklyn Sansone, Sansone Family,  
Gill Scioneaux, Anne Sherman and Joe Vaurigaud

### Sunday, February 16, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Caleb Degenhardt, Lloyd Dominguez, Charles Fulton Hebert,  
John LaGrange, Charlie Martin, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

### Sunday, February 16, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

### Sunday, February 16, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Monday, February 17, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Donivan Jones

### Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Servando Garcia

### Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

### Thursday, February 20, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Friday, February 21, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

George & Eric Navarre

# PAROCHIAL DASHBOARD

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## 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  
Sunday-8:00AM, 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

*Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
**Gather Hymnal Number 1109**

### Jeremiah 17:5-8

The prophet contrasts trust in God  
with trust in humans.

### 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Faith must be rooted  
in Christ's resurrection.

### Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus preaches four blessings  
and four woes.

### Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
*February 15/16, 2025*

### 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13

### 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

### Luke 6:27-38

# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, February 16, 2025

- 11:15AM—Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
- 1:00PM—Passion Play Practice, Parish Hall
- 6:45PM—Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints
- 6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

## Monday, February 17, 2025

- 8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints
- 5:00PM—St. Faustina's Stitches, St. Jean Vianney Room
- 5:00PM—Mondays with Mary, St. Margaret Church

## Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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

## Wednesday, February 19, 2025

- 7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
- 3:00PM—Cemetery Committee Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
- 5:00PM—Junior Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room
- 6:30PM—HS Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room
- 6:30PM—OCIA, Parish Hall

## Thursday, February 20, 2025

- 9:30AM—Food Distribution, Church Campus
- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
- 5:30PM—CDA Rosary, St. Jean Vianney Room
- 6:00PM—Catholic Daughters Meeting, St. Jean Vianney Room
- 6:00PM—Book of Matthew Bible Study, Hall of Saints

## Friday, February 21, 2025

- Parish Office Closed!
- Staff Retreat!

## Saturday, February 22, 2025

- St. Joseph Candles Available Outside of All Masses!
- Lenten Meatless Meals Ticket Sales!
- 10:00AM—First Reconciliation, St. Margaret Church
- 3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

