

THE

APRIL 26/27, 2025

PEW BUDDY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (C)

*"Peace be
with you."*

~John 20:19



St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

30300 Catholic Hall Road | Hammond | LA 70403
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St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

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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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LAMENTATIONS OF FR. LAZ

By Father Lazaru Panthagani

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ and a Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday! I come to you this glorious weekend requesting your assistance. At my home in India, our children living in the orphanages are in dire need of clothing. St. Margaret is sponsoring a Clothing Drive now through May 23rd to collect clothing for both boys and girls, ages 5 years old to 14 years old. We kindly request new or gently used, clean clothes for these children.

We also have some extremely exciting events coming up. I will be presenting the Theology in a Bottle on Sunday, May 18th. I hope to see everyone there. On Tuesday, May 20th, I will be hosting an "Indian Meal" fundraiser in the Parish Hall to raise funds to send young women in India to school. Their ability to get an education will help prevent the human trafficking of these young women. It only costs \$350 to send one young lady to school for a year in India. We will enjoy a traditional Indian-style meal and good company with each other. Tickets will be available for sale soon!

Please kindly consider helping with these causes. See the pictures below of the children and young women you will be helping. I am incredibly grateful for everyone at St. Margaret and passionately believe you will help us.

Fr. Laz



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

KC SEMINARIAN MISSION TICKET SALES & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be outside of all Masses this weekend, **April 26/27, 2025**, selling raffle tickets to benefit our seminarians' mission trip. Please buy one or a few tickets! If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, speak to one of these members and they will be glad to help you with membership.

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be **Sunday, April 27, 2025**, at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Chris O'Neill, Director of Marriage and Family Life for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will present "One Sip at a Time: The Theology of Desire." Join us to learn more about your faith!

MILAN'S WOOD FIRED PIZZA

Thursday, May 8, 2025, is St. Margaret Church Day at Milan's Wood Fired Pizza in Hammond. You can help raise money for our Mission Krewe and enjoy a fire-roasted pizza! Go to Milan's Wood Fired Pizza at 505 W. Thomas Street in Hammond anytime during hours of operation that day and tell them you are there to support St. Margaret Catholic Church. Milan's will give St. Margaret 15% of your purchases.

YUMMY CAJUN NIGHT

Come join us for May's "Yummy for Your Tummy" themed "Cajun Night" to be held in the St. Margaret Room on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**, following the **4:00PM Vigil Mass**. Bring some gumbo, etouffee, sauce picante, etc. and join us to pass a good time and to grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

MISSION KREWE MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

Our Youth Group will be selling baked goods for Mother's Day outside of all Masses the weekend of **May 10/11, 2025**, to raise funds for their Mission Krewe trip to Auxier, Kentucky this July. Come visit with our youth and buy something sweet for Mom or yourself and help support our Mission Krewe!

COMPASSION IN CRISIS

The Diocesan Office of Life, Peace and Justice is offering a free training, "Compassion in Crisis - A Framework for Offering Meaningful Crisis Support" to volunteers within the Diocese of Baton Rouge who are committed to walking alongside pregnant and parenting mothers in need. The training will focus on offering compassionate support, guidance, and practical assistance during times of crisis. The training will take place at the Tracy Center (1800 Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808) on **May 3, 2025**, from **9:00AM-1:00PM**. Registration is required and space is limited. For more information email or call Deacon Randall at rwaguespack@diobr.org or 225-446-8515.

HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER

WELCOME MORE NEW CATHOLICS!

Congratulations to our new, fully initiated members to receive the Easter Sacraments last weekend: **Misti Sceroler, Justin Monistere, Yesenia Izaguirre, Reece Cosby, Leah Drago, Trevor Sanchez, Cole Sceroler, Gwendolyn Berteau, Mia Parks, Hunter Parks, Parker Parks, Summer Parks, Rodney Parks, Jasmine Olmstead** and **Shea Verbois**. Continue to pray for them in their faith journey!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025**, for the staff to attend a diocese event. Please take care of any business after this date. Thanks for your cooperation!



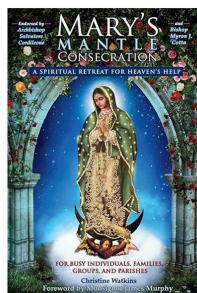
We invite you to join us at our Community meetings

In making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Mondays, April 28 - May 19, 2025
5:30-7:30 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church Ministry Building ~ St. Joseph Room
Ponchatoula

Please purchase a book before the first meeting



Consecration Day ~ Feast of the Visitation
Saturday, May 31, 2025 ~ 11:00 am

To participate, text Laura (985-634-9064) your name and email

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **April 19/20, 2025**, and **Holy Thursday Collection** totaled:

\$19,583.00.

The **Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests Special Collection** totaled:

\$2,952.00.

The **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land** totaled:

\$1,007.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend an hour or so with our risen Lord in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration. At St. Margaret, Jesus is present on the Altar on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. Contact Gretchen Johnson for more information at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

LET US REJOICE IN THE LORD

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

CALL ON THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD FOR HEALING

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

Vincent Alfano, Gwen & Walter Barado, Susan Basso, Cindy Brasington, Tony Buras, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Mark DeMarche, Irene Good DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Bob Evans, Marlena Everett, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Judy Hahn, Marsha Hoffman, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, Mary E. Herbert, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Carrie Odom, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Mary Prokop, Reynell Shorts, Family of Carroll Simoneaux, II, Bonnie Smith, Sherry Smith, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Rita Rayborn Wagner, Jackie Wedge, Debbie Wheat, Tonya 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.

**St. Margaret
Vacation Bible School**

June 2-6, 2025

\$30.00 Per Child

VBS 2025 will be for children grades Pre-K (4 years) to 5th Grade (completed 5th grade).



*Junior High Volunteers (completed 6th-8th grade)
High School Volunteers (completed 9th-12th grade)
Adult Volunteers Needed!*

**Want to Contribute?
Visit Our Amazon
Wishlist!**



ST. THOMAS CHAPEL WINDOWS

Interested in purchasing one of the original windows from St. Thomas Chapel? We have 5 windows left for a donation of \$500 each. Interested? Contact Butch Marchinko at butchman99@att.net or 504.452.2578.

ANNOUNCING A WEBPAGE DEDICATED TO INFORMING YOU OF THE CHURCH'S TEACHING ON IN-VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)

Although IVF can help create new life, there are many factors that put it at odds with God's plan for marriage and children, therefore, rendering it morally wrong.

Our webpage includes resources that can help you see why the Church takes this position and can also assist you in making decisions that give the highest consideration to the dignity of every life at every one of its stages.



To access the webpage go to:

<https://www.diobr.org/in-vitro-fertilization>

Or use this QR Code:



Contact the Office of Life,
Peace, and Justice at:
OLPJ@diobr.org



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF LIFE, PEACE & JUSTICE

2025 St. Margaret
Adult Volunteer Form



2025 St. Margaret
Youth Volunteer Form



2025 St. Margaret
VBS Registration



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 8:00PM Vigil Mass

Sidney Alexander, Shelby Aucoin, James Baillio, Lauren Becnel,
Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Harold Cavallero, Jr., Harold Cavallero, Sr.,
Mary Lee Cavallero, Karen Chemay, Bill & Frances Dantin, Larry J. Evans,
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Judith Frantz, Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin,
Ricky Genre, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
Irene Leon, Judy Monistere, Sue Novak, June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso,
Linda Perronne, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Chuck Raborn, Sr. and Vera Trosclair

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert, Donivan Jones,
John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Michael Richard,
Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, April 28, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Freya Rotar

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of St. Catherine of Siena)

Pope Francis

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Shelly Cyrus and Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, May 2, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of St. Athanasius)

Al Fauchaux

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

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 Lazarus 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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Gather Hymnal Number 1066

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done
among the people.

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I am the first and the last, the one who lives.

John 20:19-31

Blessed are those who have not seen and
have believed.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Third Sunday of Easter

May 3/4, 2025

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Catholic Home Missions Special Collection!

KC Seminarian Mission Raffle Ticket Sale and Membership Drive!

10:00AM—**First Communion**, St. Margaret Church

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

2:00PM—**St. Vincent de Paul Helping Hands**, Parish Hall

2:30PM—**Marian Servants Divine Mercy**, St. Margaret Church

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

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

6:45PM—**Confirmation Practice**, St. Margaret Church

Monday, April 28, 2025

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

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

5:00PM—**Monday's with Mary**, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Parish Office Closed Today!

7:00AM—**Mass Upon the Death of Pope Francis**, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—**Adult Confirmation Class**, St. Ignatius Room

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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

5:00PM—**Junior Youth Group**, St. John Paul II Room

6:30PM—**High School Youth Group**, St. John Paul II Room

Thursday, May 1, 2025

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

Friday, May 2, 2025

9:30AM—**Divine Readers**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

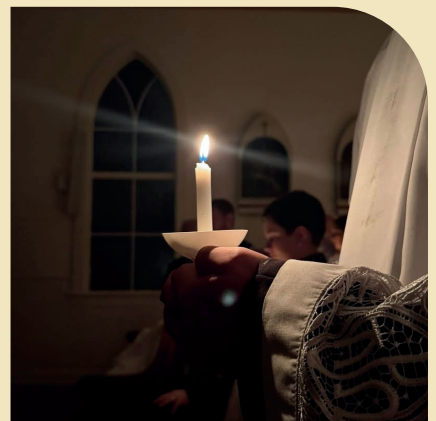
Saturday, May 3, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

KC/LLCC State Convention!

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

4:00PM—**Adult Confirmation**, St. Margaret Church



Join us on *Sunday, May 4, 2025*, following the 10:00AM Mass for the May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother, Mary!