

THE

JUNE 7/8, 2025

PEW BUDDY

PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

*"I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another Advocate
to be with you always."*

~ John 14:16

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 this Pentecost Sunday! "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love!" I just finished a novena to the Holy Spirit asking Him to hallow the many parishioners, staff members, and volunteers that bless our community of St. Margaret and St. Thomas. First, I want to thank you all for your prayers for my safe travels on my vacation two weeks ago in the deserts of Moab, UT. God's creation is incredibly beautiful, especially from the seat of a mountain bike! (See back cover for pics.)

As we move into the new fiscal year, I want to take this opportunity in my bulletin article to share with you some staff changes that will begin on July 1st. As some of you know, one of the most challenging responsibilities as a pastor is balancing all the things it takes to keep a Church parish running well for the greater glory of God and for the salvation of souls!

This can mean anything from burnt-out lights and clogged toilets to finding the right volunteers to support our many ministries, to beautiful liturgy and faithfully forming your spiritual lives through Word and Sacrament (and there is a multitude of other things between those!). Thus, as Moses' father-in law, Jethro, suggested to Moses in Exodus 18:13-26, I decided it would be best for me to share these responsibilities, especially with some of my staff members. Though this already happens significantly with staff members and volunteers (thank you all!!!), with Fr. Laz leaving at the end of the month and unsure as to when a new associate pastor will be coming to replace him, I thought it would be prudent for me to break up the staff organization into 4 different "teams": janitorial/maintenance, administration, liturgical music, and ministry.

Each team will be supervised by a "team leader" who will help lead and guide their respective team. Deacon Tim will be leading the **Janitorial/Maintenance Team**, made up of Michael Galjour (maintenance), Cade Sanzone (HVAC), Peggy Desselle (janitorial), and Brennan Bishop (janitorial). Mary Herbert (Administrative Assistant) will lead the **Administrative Team**, made up of Tammy Resetar (receptionist/bulletin/cemetery) and Peggy Desselle (collections). Laura DeBenedetto will lead the **Liturgical Music Team**, made up of all our cantors and accompanists. And finally, Baleigh Henderson (PSR, high school youth ministry, digital media, adult formation, OCIA liaison) will lead our **Ministry Team**, made up of Melissa Berghausen (junior high youth ministry, sacraments, child protection coordinator). Diaconate ministry, the associate pastor, and grounds (under Jason Summers) will report directly to me as pastor. If there is any feedback from parishioners about respective team responsibilities, it would be best to first approach the team leader before you approach me. This will make things easier for me and hopefully lead to timelier and more efficient operations in our mission here at St. Margaret and St. Thomas.

Finally, please note that the only significant changes in job descriptions will be in youth ministry and sacramental coordination. Because of the soon-to-happen changes in confirmation formation (7th graders receiving the sacrament of confirmation), it will no longer be necessary to have high school PSR after this year. Thus, I thought it would be best to transfer high school youth ministry to Baleigh Henderson, our CRE, so that we can hopefully encourage our high schoolers to continue to be formed in their faith on Sunday evenings as well as youth ministry on Wednesday evenings. This means that Melissa Berghausen will continue to meet with our junior high parishioners on Wednesday evenings at 5:00PM, while Baleigh will meet with our high school students at 6:30PM, in addition to some kind of faith formation on Sunday evenings after our 7th graders begin to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (TBA). Melissa will then take on the responsibility of sacramental coordinator – helping plan our baptisms, weddings, and funerals – with Peggy Desselle and Landon Goings assisting as wedding coordinators.

A special "Thank You" to all the staff here at St. Margaret and St. Thomas for their work towards building the Kingdom of God!

Have a Wonderful Week!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us on **Sunday, June 8, 2025**, from **9:00AM** until **12:00PM** in the parish hall for a blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights will be serving donors a sausage biscuit, fruit cup and grits breakfast. Donors will receive a Blood Bank beach blanket. Everyone who donates will also receive 2 (two) Don's Seafood cards for free dessert. If you would like to give blood at the Blood Center, please use code **D227** to designate your life-giving donation for St. Margaret.

ST. MARGARET'S LADIES AUXILIARY FUN FUNDRAISER

The KC Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a fun fundraiser, Painting with a Twist. The event will be at 204 E. Thomas Street in Hammond on **Thursday, June 12, 2025**, from **5:30PM** until **8:00PM**. Be ready to paint for 6:00PM. The cost to participate is \$39 per person. This event is open to painters 18 years or older. The Picture to Paint is called: "A New Day". See the picture and Register by going to the link below:

Painting
with a
Twist

<https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/hammond/event/4019674/> or use the QR code here. Passcode: FUN (all caps) If you have any questions, call or text Julie Desselles (504) 256-8248.



YUMMY PIZZA ON THE PADRE

Come join us for our final "Yummy for Your Tummy" of the year, "Pizza on the Padre" to be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, June 14, 2025**, following the **4:00PM Vigil Mass**. Fr. Paul will provide the pizza, you bring your desserts to share and to grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

CALLING MARRIED COUPLES WITH YOUNG FAMILIES!

Want to grow in faith and friendship with your spouse while building community with other couples in a similar season of life? "Together in Holiness" is a marriage enrichment program from the St. John Paul II Foundation that helps couples strengthen their relationship with God and with each other. Designed especially for young married couples with children, this is a beautiful way to invest in your vocation while connecting with others walking a similar path.

Please join us for an information meeting with light refreshments on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at **6:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room to learn how this small group series can bless your marriage and build meaningful community within our parish. One or both spouses are welcome to attend! For more information, visit thformation.forlifeandfamily.org.

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

We have been blessed to have Fr. Laz here to celebrate daily Mass with us on Mondays. Since he will be leaving for another parish assignment at the end of this month, the daily Mass schedule will change to **Tuesday** through **Friday** beginning the week of **June 30th**. Fr. Laz's last daily Mass with us will be **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**. There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Thursday** or **Friday, June 26 and 27, 2025**. Fr. Paul will be attending a seminar out of state.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Come spend an hour or so with Jesus in the prayerful silence of Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. If you can commit to an hour weekly or would like additional information, contact Gretchen Johnson at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

KOLBE PRISON MINISTRIES

10th Annual National Conference

July 26th, 2025



"Knock and the door will be opened to you"



Sr. Helen Prejean
Author, Advocate for Abolition of the Death Penalty



Keith Cooley
Warden at Allen Correctional Center Kinder, LA



Dr. Lawton Searcy
Corrections Program Manager, Elayn Hunt Correction Center



Andrew Hundley
Executive Director Louisiana Parole Project



John Paul Funes
Louisiana Parole Project Industry Liaison



MBS
Most Blessed Sacrament

Hosted by Most Blessed Sacrament
Catholic Church
8033 Baringer Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Event will last from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Followed by a Mass at 4:30 PM
Celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca Diocese of Baton Rouge

2025 Annual
Conference Information

Visit for More Information
kolbeprisonministries.org

Plus KPM Committee Overview and More!

JOIN US!

Learn more about Prison Ministry during
a day of prayer and reflection.



JUNE'S MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

St. Margaret Monthly Food Distribution is a great opportunity to serve those in need while you hang out and have fun with your fellow parishioners. Each month we provide over 185 families with perishable food and boxes of can goods, rice, etc. Special thanks to everyone who helps with the monthly St Margaret Food Distribution. The next Food Distribution is **Thursday, June 19, 2025**. Food Distribution and Registration is from **9:30AM-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.

HOW GREAT IS THE LORD!

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

CALL ON THE SPIRIT 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, Clark Bergeron, 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, Hannah Guillotte, Judy Hahn, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, Tristian Harrison, Fulton Charles Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Carrie Odom, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Mary Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Reynell Shorts, Bonnie Smith, Sherry Smith, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Carla Van Vrancken, Rita Rayborn Wagner, 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.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of
May 31/June 1, 2025, totaled:

\$11,376.00.

The **Annual Mission Appeal**
Second Collection totaled:

\$5,492.00.

The **Special Collection**
next weekend will be for the
Catholic Communication Campaign!

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers on the altar this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Nancy Campeaux** donated by Barry Campeaux. 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.

CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations all new couples married at St. Margaret during the month of May including **Connor Westbrook & Traci Carollo** and **Connor Turner & Stephanie Andry**. We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact one of the clergy to schedule your wedding or to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Gwen Delaune by Kim Navarre.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday, June 7, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sidney Alexander, Marcia Artigues, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham,
Karen Chemay, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard,
Linda C. Gaudin, Frank Gellenthin, Ricky Genre, Fr. Paul Gros, Jeanne Guillot,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Philip & Irene Leon,
Connie & Ray Louviere, Michael Jude Mayeux, Judy Monistere,
George & Eric Navarre, Patty Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,
June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Chuck Raborn, Sr., Stella Rotar and Anne Sherman

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Nancy Campeaux, Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert,
Adam Hymel, Jr., Donivan Jones, John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza,
Charlie Martin, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, June 9, 2025, 7:00AM Mass

(Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)

Lynette Pfiffner

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Fr. Lazarus Panthagani

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Barnabas)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, June 13, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua)

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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

Pentecost Sunday

Gather Hymnal Number 1084

Acts 2:1-11

The Spirit's presence
is among Jesus' disciples.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

All the Spirit's gifts
are equal and necessary.

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

The Most Holy Trinity

June 14/15, 2025

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Together in Holiness After All Masses!

8:30AM—**Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**, Parish Hall

11:30AM—**KC/Ladies Auxiliary Officer Installation**, St. Margaret Church

Monday, June 9, 2025

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

5:30PM—**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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

9:00AM—**Staff Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

9:00AM—**Child Nutrition Program**, St. Margaret Grounds

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

6:30PM—**HS Youth Group**, St. Pope John Paul II Room

6:30PM—**KC Fourth Degree Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room

6:30PM—**OCIA Catechist Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Thursday, June 12, 2025

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

Friday, June 13, 2025

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

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Catholic Communication Campaign Special Collection!

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

5:00PM—**Yummy for Your Tummy**, Parish Hall



PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**, from **8:00AM** until **1:00PM** for our monthly staff meeting. Please take care of any business you may have in the office before or after this time. Thank you for your consideration!

