

THE

AUGUST 2/3, 2025

# PEW BUDDY

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"...for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."*

~Luke 12:15

### 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

**By Phone:**

225.567.3573

**By Email:**

[stmargaret@diobr.org](mailto:stmargaret@diobr.org)

**Website:**

[stmargaretstthomas.com](http://stmargaretstthomas.com)



# PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

*By Father Paul Gros*

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! This Sunday's second reading delves into one of **St. Paul's recurring themes** in his letters: **the old and new creation**. *"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."* Of course, St. Paul is not speaking about taking our last physical breath on Earth. Instead, he is referring to a spiritual death to the "old creation"—the created yet fallen world that is subject to sin, disorder, suffering, decay, and ultimately, physical death. St. Paul beckons his readers to "put to death the earthly parts"—that is, the old creation marked by lust, greed, passion, anger, lying, malice, deceit, etc.

Why? Because, through baptism, you have died to the old self and have "put on a new self" (a new creation). Though we have not yet grasped this new creation in its fullness until Christ appears (*"When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory"*), St. Paul exhorts us to live now accordingly!

As I was reading the second reading this Sunday, I was reminded of an old fable that beautifully describes the battle that goes on within us between the old and the new:

**An elder is teaching a young person about life. He says,  
"A fight is going on inside me, a terrible fight between two wolves.**

**"One wolf represents evil—he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.**

**"The other wolf represents good—he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.**

**"This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person too."**

**The young person thinks about it for a moment and then asks, "Which wolf will win?"  
The elder simply replies, "The one you feed."**

The one you feed! Do not feed the old creation, otherwise it may grow stronger and stronger, leading us to destruction. Instead, starve it to death (*"Put to death the parts that are earthly..."*) through fasting, prayers, penance, and the sacraments of the Church. This is the way to holiness, the way to "putting to death the old self," and the way to living according to the new creation that was given to us when we died with Christ in baptism!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul



# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

## REGISTER FOR PSR 2025-2026

The deadline to register for Parish School of Religion (PSR) for the 2025-2026 school year is fast approaching! Please register using the QR codes here to access the PSR registration form and parent handbook (including the school calendar). Forms may also be found in the parish office, or on our website. Completed forms are due at the parish office by **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact Baleigh Henderson at the parish office or by email at [bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com](mailto:bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com).

25-26 PSR Registration



25-26 PSR Handbook



## OCIA TO BEGIN SOON!

Ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith? Invite them to participate in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). There is also an equivalent ritual for children (OCIC). The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a transformative process that invites non-baptized adults and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church to explore, learn, and grow in their faith. The St. Margaret OCIA program will begin **Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. For more information, please contact Darlene at [darlenemkg@icloud.com](mailto:darlenemkg@icloud.com) or Kristie at [Salon51tan@gmail.com](mailto:Salon51tan@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

## SEMINARIAN SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The KC Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Back-to-School Supply Drive to support our *15 diocesan seminarians for 2025/26*. Let's show our love and encouragement to these devoted men as they continue their journey of discernment.

If you would like to contribute, please bring your donated items to any Mass on August 9th or 10th. The KC Ladies Auxiliary will be outside the church to gratefully receive your offerings.

- Notebooks (College-ruled, Single Subject)
- Thank You Cards w/Envelopes
- Gifts Cards (Amazon preferred)
- Stamps
- Pocket Folders
- Pens (preferably G2 or Sharpie, not markers)
- Sticky Note Pads
- Laundry Detergent (Woolite Darks Defense preferred)
- Black Sport Socks
- Dryer Sheets
- Shampoo & Body Wash
- SNACKS:**
  - Granola Bars
  - Cereal Bars
  - Prepackaged Cookies
  - Prepackaged Brownies
  - Individual Bags of Chips
  - Candy
  - Various Other Goodies

**Supplies will be collected the weekend of August 9/10, 2025!**

# BE RAISED WITH CHRIST

## HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE RECENTLY?

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? Is it hard for you to feel optimistic about the future at the moment? You are not alone! St. Margaret will host a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare in the Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM** beginning on **August 12, 2025**, or on **Friday mornings at 9:30AM** beginning **August 22, 2025**. This support group will help you face the challenges of grief while moving toward rebuilding your life. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Tammy, the ministry leader, in the parish office or by email at [tresetar@stmargaretstthomas.com](mailto:tresetar@stmargaretstthomas.com). *Catholics, non-Catholics, as well as non-parishioners are invited to attend!*

## NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBER

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholic welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of July, **Noah Taylor** and **Layna Zeigler**. May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Melissa Berghausen in the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized!



DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT

**PURIFIED** **AND** **GENDER**  
AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

Let's come together to discover the beauty of God's plan for human love. A life-changing event for teens & adults (ages 13+).



**EVENT INCLUDES:**  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Free resources for every attendee!  
**Tickets \$25**

**September 8, 2025 | 6:00 PM - 9:15 PM**

**St. Michael the Archangel High School**  
St. Sebastian Gym  
17521 Monitor Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Tickets: [chastity.com/purified](http://chastity.com/purified)  
Info: [efroeba@smhsbr.org](mailto:efroeba@smhsbr.org)  
Doors open at 5:30 PM



Scan for tickets & info





**HOPE**  
YOUTH FEST  
OUR LADY OF HOPE  
3167 Old 51 S. Osyka, MS

**OCTOBER 11, 2025**  
**YOUTH GROUPS / CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
**8TH - 12TH GRADE**

Music by:



Deacon Michael Parker



**THE VIGIL PROJECT**  
MUSIC FOR THE CATHOLIC JOURNEY



COLIN AND AIMEE MACIVER



FATHER PAUL GROS



KATHLEEN HIGGINS

**REGISTER: [WWW.OURLADYOFHOPEMS.COM/YOUTH-FEST](http://WWW.OURLADYOFHOPEMS.COM/YOUTH-FEST)**

# THINK OF WHAT IS ABOVE

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

---

## PRAYER WARRIORS: PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Vincent Alfano, Oliver & Marinette Amato, Gwen & Walter Barado, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Tony Buras, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Rhonda Dedman, Mark DeMarche, Irene Good DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Adeline Evans, Marlena Everett, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Hannah Guillotte, Judy Hahn, Jacob Hanewinkel, Joseph Hanewinkel, Theresa Ivanyisky, Tristian Harrison, Ann Hassenboughler, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Darrell Hoover, Frank Kovach, 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, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Carla Van Vrancken, Rita Rayborn Wagner, Jackie Wedge, Debbie Wheat, Delores & Keith Wheat, Gunner Wrinkles, 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 **July 26/27, 2025**, totaled:

**\$16,129.87.**

The **Special Collection** for the **Priest's  
Retirement Fund** totaled:

**\$3,262.00.**

There will be no **Second or Special  
Collection** next weekend!

Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity to our ministries!

TO  
GIVE... 

## SIT A WHILE WITH JESUS IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. Come pray for peace in our families, our country and our world! If you can commit to an hour weekly or need additional information, contact Gretchen Johnson at 225-921-4071 or at gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

## A VOCATION VIEW

"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven." Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of  
**Dorothy Hanewinkel** by Joe & Lucie Hanewinkel.

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, August 2, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Nathan & Shanna Amato, Oliver & Marinette Amato, Bergeron-Plauche' Families,  
Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,  
Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre, Elise Girdwood,  
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,  
Phillip & Irene Leon, Michael Jude LeJeune, Connie & Ray Louviere,  
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, Julius Prokop, Chuck Raborn, Sr., Joy Sardegna,  
Anne Sherman, Josephine Stehlin, Carol Pfiffner Taylor, Joe Vaurigaud  
and Amie Wigginton

### Sunday, August 3, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Paula Cannon, Melissa Degenhardt, Tony Deville,  
Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert, Barry Hines, Adam Hymel, Jr.,  
Vicky Johnson, Donivan Jones, John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza,  
Tyler Lyles, Charlie Martin, Marie Prine, Mary Ann Schultz, Gill Scioneaux,  
Gerard Lou Staub and Margaret D. Wilkinson

### Sunday, August 3, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

### Sunday, August 3, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lennon Rotar

### Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of the Transfiguration)

George & Eric Navarre

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

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Friday, August 8, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Dominic)

Donivan Jones



# 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

Tuesday 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*)

### 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, High School Youth,  
& Communications Coordinator*)

Melissa F. Berghausen (*Junior Youth &  
Sacramental Coordinator*)

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Gather Hymnal Number 1145**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

All things are vanity!

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

We are all one in the risen Christ.

**Luke 12:13-21**

Security does not lie  
in worldly possessions.

### Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 9/10, 2025*

**Wisdom 18:6-9**

**Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**

**Luke 12:32-48**

# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, August 3, 2025

**Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!**  
**Coffee & Donut Ministry!**

## Monday, August 4, 2025

5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church  
6:30PM—**Catholic Schoolhouse Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

## Tuesday, August 5, 2025

8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room  
9:00AM—**One Book, One Church/"Life is Messy"**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room  
6:30PM—**KC/Ladies Auxiliary Faith Formation**, St. Margaret Room  
7:00PM—**Knights of Columbus Meeting**, St. Margaret Room  
7:00PM—**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room

## Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:30AM—**Eucharistic Adoration**, St. Margaret Church  
6:30PM—**OCIA**, St. Jean Vianney Room

## Thursday, August 7, 2025

5:30PM—**Pastoral Council Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room  
7:00PM—**Finance Council Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

## Friday, August 8, 2025

**No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!**

## Saturday, August 9, 2025

**Seminarian School Supply Drive!**  
10:30AM—**Catechist & Core Team Retreat**, St. Margaret Room  
3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

