

THE

JULY 26/27, 2025

PEW BUDDY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"Lord, teach us
to pray..."*
~Luke 11:1

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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

This past weekend, our high school youth attended our annual Mission Krewe in Auxier, KY. I am writing this bulletin article before the trip, so by the time you read this, I hope to say, "Everything went great!" We planned to spend most of our time at individual homes of those in need, helping with small construction and maintenance. We also set aside time to visit sites in the area, celebrate Mass daily, and have some time for silent reflection and prayer. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support for our 15 young people who dedicated part of their summer to serving those in need!

Exciting News for St. Thomas Chapel!

Finally, I have some very good news! We have a date set for the dedication of St. Thomas Chapel. At this point, we plan to have a "soft opening" for the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 19th. This will be a regular Sunday Mass that morning. Due to the Bishop's busy schedule, our official rededication will be on Sunday afternoon, November 30th, 2025. Of course, please pray that the Lord spares us from any major hurricanes or storms so that these dates are not pushed back!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

REGISTER FOR PSR 2025-2026

While we may only be half-way through the summer, it's time to get ready for Parish School of Religion (PSR) for the 2025-2026 school year! 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 at each entrance of the church, 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.

25-26 PSR Registration



25-26 PSR Handbook



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. *Catholics, non-Catholics, as well as non-parishioners are invited to attend!*

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.

WELCOME NEW REGISTRANTS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Kimberly and Barbara Manina, Kim, Scott, Kamdyn & Karsyn Reggio, Ruth Aucoin, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Mason & Avery Griffin, Mark & Kathy Kives, and Michael & Sheila Wiseman**. 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!

WE WILL NOT HAVE DAILY MASS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

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!**

CALL OUT TO THE LORD

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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, 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 19/20, 2025**, totaled:

\$10,435.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE... 

A VOCATION VIEW

"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Karen Chemay** donated by Mark Chemay. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Sidney Ourso by the Ourso Family.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 26, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Bill & JoAnn Born, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay,
Robert Clements, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,
Charles & Rosemary Fox, Jonathan Fox, Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin,
Ricky Genre, Jean Girdwood, Rosemary Gouzy, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, 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,
Chuck Raborn, Sr., Sansone Family, Joy Sardegna, Anne Sherman,
Josephine Stehlin, Carol Pfiffner Taylor, John Waites and Yancy Watkins

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

Jerry Adamcewicz, Melissa Degenhardt, Tony Deville, Lloyd Dominguez,
Fulton Charles Hebert, Barry Hines, Adam Hymel, Jr., Vicky Johnson,
Donivan Jones, John LaGrange, Clarence & Faye Landeche, Margie & Joe Liuzza,
Charlie Martin, Mary Ann Schultz, Gill Scioneaux, Gerard Lou Staub
and Charles & Marie Stumpf

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

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

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

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 7:00AM Mass

(Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus)

Caroline Girdwood

Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 7:00AM Mass

(Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, July 31, 2025, 7:00AM Mass

(Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, August 1, 2025, NO Mass

(Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori)

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1142

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham dialogues with God
about God's mercy.

Colossians 2:12-14

We have been brought to life with Christ.

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' teachings about persistent prayer.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2/3, 2025

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Priest's Retirement Fund Special Collection!

Monday, July 21, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

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

9:00AM—**One Book, One Church/"Life is Messy"**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Wednesday, July 23, 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, July 24, 2025

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

Friday, July 25, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

9:00AM—**Divine Readers**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

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

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

If you are looking for a simple way to serve in a ministry that will touch many people, consider becoming a Hospitality Minister/Usher. Hospitality Ministers/Ushers get to share Jesus with everyone entering and leaving our beautiful churches. We especially need ministers for the **Sunday, 5:30PM Mass**. If you are interested in helping with this rewarding ministry, please call Kim at 985-634-5366.

