

THE

JULY 5/6, 2025

PEW BUDDY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few"
~Luke 10:2

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! I have good news for us this month of July! We will be getting seminarian Austin Duhé as part of his summer assignment. He will begin here on July 11th. Below is a small autobiography he wrote for you all. I look forward to serving with Austin the rest of this summer!

Have a wonderful week!
Fr. Paul



Originally born in Reserve, LA, I was baptized at St. Joan of Arc in Laplace and moved to St. Amant when I was just three years old. I've lived in St. Amant ever since, graduating from St. Amant High School in 2018. I was steadily growing in my Catholic faith as a teenager, going to Steubenville Youth Conferences every year, but I confess that I was not the most perfect young man growing up! I also had the privilege of being spiritually nurtured by Fr. Josh Johnson while he was pastor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in St. Amant, seeing him as a unique role model and spiritual father. Thoughts of becoming a priest never crossed my mind during high school, and so I enrolled at River Parishes Community College (RPCC). I had a desire to help others, but at the time I didn't know what that could look like. I developed an interest in the law field during high school, and so I decided to major in Criminal Justice. However, after two years, those career desires didn't come to fruition.

Instead, a desire welled up within me to learn about the Catholic faith that I was baptized into as a child. I began finding meaningful answers to questions about my Catholic faith that were left unanswered in my formative teenage years, and I also took Mass, Confession, and Prayer more seriously compared to years past. It was during this time that thoughts of the priesthood came to mind, but I always dismissed those thoughts. With my desire for holiness maturing, my desire for Criminal Justice took its "nail in the coffin" during the pandemic, and so I dropped out of college and got hired with my best friend at Stanley Steemer, not really knowing my next step forward in life. It was at this time that I would work to please customers in their own homes and felt very good about myself meeting new people and getting to know them. It seemed that while I was working this job that not only did I love the Lord and not only did I find myself in Eucharistic Adoration every morning before going to work, but I also began to see Jesus in my customers and found that my original desire to help others was being fulfilled. It felt like a pastoral experience, and so priesthood became an increasingly comfortable vocation to consider.

Through much prayer and guidance from Fr. Josh Johnson, continued encouragement from family and friends, I was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Baton Rouge in August of 2021, and it's the best decision I've ever made in my life thus far. I now find myself entering my fifth year of priestly formation and my first year at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. I'm so grateful for the people I've met along the way, and I can't wait to get to know you all. God bless!

Yours in Christ,
Austin Duhé

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

WHY BECOME CATHOLIC? INQUIRE HERE!

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic but have questions? Do you know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith? Join us for our final OCIA Inquiry Session on **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**, at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. This session's topic will be "Why Become Catholic?" presented by Fr. Paul Gros. Fr. Paul will discuss all reasons why one should or would want to become Catholic. We are here for you!

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 on **Tuesdays** at **6:00PM** beginning on **August 12, 2025**, in the Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints. 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, and non-parishioners are invited to attend!*

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **June 28/29, 2025**, totaled: **\$13,141.00**.

The **Peter's Pence (Holy Father) Special Collection** totaled: **\$1,403.00**.

The **Second Collection** next weekend will be for our **Mission Krewe!**

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD

One Book, One Church

St. Margaret is inviting all parishioners to read,
reflect, and share their thoughts on:

“Life is Messy” By Matthew Kelly

Life is messy. It isn't a color-within-the-lines exercise. It's a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes. The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments. In our disposable culture, we throw broken things away. So, what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broken families, and of course, our very own broken selves? We are all broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. There has never been a more urgent need for us to attend to what is happening within us. This is quite simply the right book at the right time.

Schedule:

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

9:00AM - 10:30AM

Hall of Saints

For more information, please
contact the parish office.

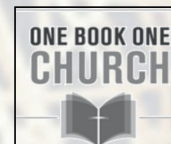
Registration Form

Name: _____

Cost: Free

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Men and women of all ages welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. Come pray for our families, our country and our world! If you can commit to an hour weekly or need additional information, email Gretchen Johnson at gretjohnson5@yahoo.com or call her at 225.921.4071.

LOVING REMINDER

If you are in need of having water or snacks in church during Mass, please check the area you are sitting in before you leave and remove any remaining snacks or bottles in the pews, on the floor, or in the front/back of church. Thank you for your cooperation.

RENDER GOD GLORIOUS PRAISE

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.



St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Catholic Church

FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2025-2026 REGISTRATION

Monday, July 7, 2025

9:00am –11:30am

TO REGISTER ENTER BY THE DOLLAR GENERAL (WEST BATES ROAD) - TURN ON TO ST. MARGARET'S PROPERTY BY THE CEMETERY, FOLLOW THE GRAVEL ROAD TO THE CONCRETE AREA.

EVERYONE MUST REGISTER IN JULY EVEN IF YOU REGISTERED RECENTLY.

When you register:

- Bring your Photo ID,
- Bring Proof of Residence
- Verbally state your income



Walking with
Moms in Need

| Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE

May mothers receive ongoing care and support in raising their children.



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

While we often think of pregnancy as culminating in the birth of child, we know that the journey is only just beginning. While motherhood brings with it many joys and blessings, it also involves challenges and difficulties. In raising their children and dedicating themselves to their families, mothers participate in a type of “daily heroism,” one for which they “do not always find support in the world around them” (EV 86). Providing and caring for children as a single mother includes additional hardships. Sadly, today, one in four children are being raised without a father. Certainly, there are many reasons this might occur in any given circumstance. However, it is also true that in a culture that largely rejects the Church’s teachings on marriage, life, and sexuality, women and their children are often disproportionately impacted. It was Pope Paul VI in *Humanae vitae* who warned that, “a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman... no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection” (HV 17).

In the midst of this reality, the Church is called to be a beacon of light, hope, and support. May we respond to this call, individually and communally, to surround mothers with assistance and support as they lovingly care for their children.

ACT (choose one)

- Saints Anne and Joachim—whose feast is celebrated on July 26—were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parents often seek the intercession of these married saints as they raise their own children. Offer this prayer (bit.ly/anne-joachim), asking Saints Anne and Joachim to pray for the featured intention.
- Fast from television, social media, music, or electronics altogether for one day. Ask the Lord to use the quiet and stillness to bring you more closely to Him.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about Saints Anne and Joachim, models for parents and for marriage: bit.ly/sts-anne-joachim.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area: www.WalkingWithMoms.com

PRAY FOR THOSE IN MOST NEED OF OUR PRAYER

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, 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, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 5, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Darrel & Cynthia Amato, Nathan & Shanna Amato, Bergeron-Plauche' Families,
Liz & Louis Bordak, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Cheryl Colomes, Fr. Greg Daigle,
Ernest Dugas, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Maria C. Garcia,
Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre, Rosemary Gouzy,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Michael Jude LeJeune,
Connie & Ray Louviere, Judy Monistere, 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, Anne Sherman,
Helen Strawn, Carol Pfiffner Taylor and Yancy Watkins

Sunday, July 6, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Edward & Jeanie Bonin, Lloyd Dominguez, Glenn D. Dupre, Sr.,
Donivan Jones, Fulton Charles Hebert, Adam Hymel, Jr., John LaGrange,
Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Chucky Martin, Richmond Peacock,
Mary Ann Schultz, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, July 6, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, July 6, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Donivan Jones

Thursday, July 10, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, July 11, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of St. Benedict)

George & Eric Navarre

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Jeanie Bonin** donated by Bernard Bonin. 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.

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gather Hymnal Number 1133

Isaiah 66:10-14c

God's comforting, maternal words
to those returning to Jerusalem.

Galatians 6:14-18

Salvation through the cross is everything.

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The 72 disciples are sent
to preach about the kingdom.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12/13, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 6, 2025

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

Monday, July 7, 2025

7:30AM—**Food Distribution Registration**, Hall of Saints
5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:30AM—**Eucharistic Adoration**, St. Margaret Church
9:00AM—**Staff Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
5:00PM—**Junior Youth Group**, St. John Paul II Room
6:30PM—**High School Youth Group**, St. John Paul II Room
6:30PM—**KC Fourth Degree Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room

Thursday, July 10, 2025

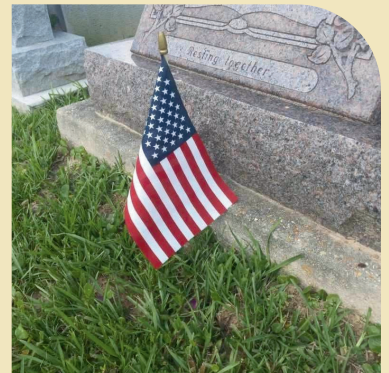
4:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

Friday, July 11, 2025

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Mission Krewe Second Collection!
3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church



PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, July 9, 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!