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AUGUST 9/10, 2025

# PEW BUDDY

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"Blessed are those  
servants whom the  
master finds vigilant  
on his arrival."*

~Luke 12:37



**St. Margaret Church & Parish Office**

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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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# PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

*By Father Paul Gros*

## A Call to Serve Our Neighbors

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Recently, I met with a parishioner and members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society to discuss helping someone with an HVAC problem at their home. Our conversation soon expanded beyond this one situation, and we began to explore how we could better meet the needs of those we serve—beyond just providing food and help with utilities. We realized there is always a significant need for professional assistance with essential home and vehicle repairs, such as plumbing, HVAC, electrical, carpentry, mechanical work and sometimes even legal advice.

The reality is that many of the families in our parish boundaries served by St. Vincent de Paul cannot afford these simple services. When an unexpected repair is needed, like car trouble that makes it hard to get to work or a broken air conditioner during our hot summers, they often must choose between paying for the repair and covering their basic monthly expenses like rent and groceries.

While St. Vincent de Paul has limited resources and cannot assist with every need, we can make a difference in some of these situations—especially if we have parishioners who are willing to help. We are hoping to create a small network of skilled parishioners who can offer their professional services at a reduced cost.

If you or someone you know is a professionally skilled tradesperson—such as a plumber, electrician, carpenter, mechanic, or HVAC technician—and would be willing to provide services for those who reach out to our St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Jan Pretus at [janpretus@hotmail.com](mailto:janpretus@hotmail.com). Even if this is just once a month or even once a year it certainly can go a long way in responding to the Church's call to serving our neighbor!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul





# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

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## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE AND OFFICE CLOSURES

In observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, we will have Mass on **Thursday, August 14** and **Friday, August 15, 2025** at **6:00PM**. There will be NO Daily Morning Mass on Friday. The parish office will be closed on **Friday, August 15, 2025**.

The parish office will also be closed on **Wednesday, August 13, 2025**, from **8:00AM** until **1:00PM** for our monthly Staff Meeting. Please come by before or after this time if you have any business in the office. Thank you for your consideration!

## PSR BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND!

PSR classes will begin on **Sunday, August 17, 2025**, with a similar schedule as last year: K-6 from 11:15AM until 12:30PM on Sunday morning after the 10:00AM Mass and grades 7-11 after the 5:30PM Mass from 6:45PM until 8:00PM. We are looking forward to another great year! Registration forms can be picked up from the parish office or can be printed out on our website to be submitted. The PSR handbooks are also available on the website! *Registrations after August 6 are subject to a \$10 late fee.*

There will also be MANDATORY meetings for PSR parents/guardians next **Sunday, August 17, 2025**, in St. Margaret Church at the same time as your child's PSR class. See the Parish Calendar on the back of the bulletin for times.

## OCIA - NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US

If you want to become Catholic or learn more about your faith, it is not too late to participate in the St. Margaret Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). The St. Margaret OCIA program meets on **Wednesday nights** at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. 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. 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.

## CONVOCAION CELEBRATING CATECHISTS

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will host the 9th Annual Diocesan Convocation Celebrating Catechists on **Saturday, August 23, 2025, 9:00AM** until **12:00PM**, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 2250 Main St., Baton Rouge. Bishop Michael G. Duca will celebrate Mass, followed by talks and a Vendor & Ministry Showcase. For more information, email [ddow@diobr.org](mailto:ddow@diobr.org).

## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

The first "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be **Sunday, August 24, 2025**, at **6:45PM** in St. Margaret Church. Fr. Paul Gros, will present "*Sunday Sips: Savoring the Sabbath Day.*" Join us to learn more about your faith and keeping the Sabbath Day holy!

# GOD IS OUR HELP AND SHIELD

Walking with  
Moms in Need

| Pray for Moms



## INTERCEDE



## PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

## REFLECT

In *Evangelium vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that, “A mother welcomes and carries in herself another human being, enabling it to grow inside her, giving it room, respecting it in its otherness” (EV 99). Often the first and most basic way that a mother welcomes and cares for her child is by attending to her own health. In doing so, she ultimately contributes to the wellbeing of her child, as the health of mother and child are inextricably connected. After her child is born, a mother’s devoted care continues as she nurtures this new life and attends to her child’s every need.

As healthcare costs continue to rise, obtaining access to adequate medical care can be challenging, particularly for single women in poverty. According to 2014 statistics, 75 percent of women who chose abortion were low income. The financial strain of medical care can often place significant burdens on both pregnant and parenting mothers. Data from 2016 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revealed that 15 percent of women in the United States

received inadequate prenatal care. As we walk with mothers in need, we pray that our efforts will help mothers and their children gain access to quality, life-affirming medical care and address this fundamental need.

## ACT *(choose one)*

- Seek the Blessed Mother’s intercession for mothers and children by offering a Rosary ([bit.ly/how-to-pray-rosary](http://bit.ly/how-to-pray-rosary)) for the featured intention.
- Give up sleeping on your pillow one night. Offer this small sacrifice for mothers and children who have difficulty accessing adequate medical care.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

St. Monica ([bit.ly/about-st-monica](http://bit.ly/about-st-monica)), mother of St. Augustine, spent much of her life as a single, widowed mother, dedicated to caring for her children. May we seek her intercession for all mothers facing difficulties.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

[www.WalkingWithMoms.com](http://www.WalkingWithMoms.com)

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# THE LORD HAS CHOSEN YOU

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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## 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, Tyler Hoover, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Carrie Odom, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, 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 **August 2/3, 2025**, totaled:

**\$14,596.00.**

The **Building & Maintenance Fund**  
**Second Collection** totaled:

**\$5,281.00.**

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

Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity to our ministries!

TO  
GIVE...



## 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.

## SIT A WHILE WITH JESUS IN EUCCHARISTIC 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.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of  
**Josh Tye** by Kim Navarre.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, August 9, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,  
Anthony & Anna Friedman, Judy Friedman, Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin,  
Ricky Genre, Benny Gex, Jeanne Guillot, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,  
Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Connie & Ray Louviere,  
Elaine Mary Maher, 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.,  
Stella Rotar, Joy Sardegna, Anne Sherman, Josephine Stehlin, Carol Pfiffner Taylor,  
Joe Vaurigaud and Amie Wigginton

### Sunday, August 10, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Angie Deliberto, Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert,  
Adam Hymel, Jr., John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin,  
Chucky Martin, Cindy Rizzo, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

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

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

### Sunday, August 10, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Karen Chemay

### Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Yancy Watkins

### Thursday, August 14, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe)

Dexter Rotar

### Thursday, August 14, 2025, 6:00PM Mass (Vigil-Assumption of the BVM)

Kelsey Martin

### Friday, August 15, 2025, 6:00PM Mass (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Judy Monistere and Chuck Raborn, Sr.



# PAROCHIAL DASHBOARD

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## 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

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Gather Hymnal Number 1148**

### Wisdom 18:6-9

The Israelites long awaited  
freedom from oppression.

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

In praise of Abraham's faith.

### Luke 12:32-48

Those who follow Jesus  
must be aware and prepared.

### Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 16/17, 2025*

### Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

### Hebrews 12:1-4

### Luke 12:49-53

# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

**Seminarian School Supply Drive!**

**Monday, August 11, 2025**

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

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

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



**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

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

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

6:00PM—**GriefShare**, St. Ignatius Room

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

**Parish Office Closed from 8:00AM until 1:00PM!**

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

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

3:00PM—**Cemetery Committee Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

6:30PM—**OCIA**, St. Jean Vianney Room

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

6:30PM—**KC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room



**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

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

6:00PM—**Assumption of the BVM Vigil Mass**, St. Margaret Church

**Friday, August 15, 2025**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!**

**Parish Office Closed Today!**

**NO 7:00AM Daily Mass Today!**

6:00PM—**Assumption of the BVM Mass**, St. Margaret Church

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

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

4:00PM—**KC Quarterly Mass & Communion**, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—**MP3**, Off Campus

