

THE

SEPTEMBER 27/28, 2025

PEW BUDDY

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

"If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

~Luke 16:31

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We are open Tuesday
through Friday from
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We are closed on Monday!



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RAGS TO RICHES

By Fr. John Foley, SJ

A wise man came to a banquet, dirty and dressed in rags. The host protested his sloppy appearance and told him to go dress properly. Then he would be welcome.

So, the prophet went and bathed in the river and then dressed himself in the finest clothing he could borrow. Returning to the party he found himself warmly welcomed and even honored.

But as the evening proceeded, someone noticed the man sitting in a corner. The host demanded to know why the man was putting all the expensive food, spoon by spoon, into the sleeve of his fine garment!

The man answered, *"It was not me that you invited to the banquet; obviously it was my clothes. So, I am giving them what a guest should receive!"*

Which is more important, the human person or the luxuries of life by which s/he is surrounded?

A second story, this one from the **Gospel** for Sunday.

A rich man went to hell.

In life a poor beggar had lain at his door, starving, but he had ignored this tramp entirely. When both of them died, the poor man, surprisingly, was cradled in heaven in the bosom of Abraham, while the rich man was agonizing in flames. Fine food and fine clothes, his normal fare, did not save him.

The **First Reading** has a description of the luxury which the rich man had preferred instead of his fellow human being. God used this story to describe the complacent people in Zion, who were lying on beds of ivory. ... They eat lambs taken from the flock and calves from the stall! ... They drink wine from precious bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils. ...

God says they shall be the first to go into exile.

If you live in the "First World"—in the United States, for example—the amount of coddling you receive every single day far surpasses anything described in these stories. Our population uses a tremendous portion of the world's resources. Are you and I helping to overlook the world's people as we "stretch on our couches" and gobble up our television shows? Are we, like the rich man, never glancing at the poor outside our door? In death, that man got exactly what his whole life had pointed to: a future empty of true relationship to anyone else!

The rich man cried out from hell, *"Send Lazarus [the poor man] to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames."* But father Abraham replied from heaven that the gulf was too wide. The rich man then at last thought to ask help for someone else: *"send someone from the dead to warn my five brothers so this does not happen to them too!"*

Father Abraham answered,

*If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded
if someone should rise from the dead. (Luke 16:31)*

Listen to those words!

Someone at last has risen from the dead. Will you and I be persuaded finally to give people in need what they deserve, or will we continue, totally absorbed in how we are fed and dressed?

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

KC SEMINARIAN MISSION TICKET SALES & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be outside of all Masses the weekend of **October 4/5, 2025**, selling raffle tickets to benefit our seminarians' mission trip. Please buy one or a few tickets!

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, speak to one of these members and they will be glad to help you with membership.

ONE BOOK, ONE CHURCH - THE SAINT MONICA CLUB

St. Margaret is inviting all parishioners to read, reflect and share their thoughts on "The Saint Monica Club". In these pages, author Maggie Green provides wise, compassionate guidance for members of what she calls "The Saint Monica Club": good Catholics suffering like St. Monica the rejection of the Faith by persons they love dearly. Herself a longtime and long-suffering member of the club, Green shows how persevering as St. Monica did in devoted love for straying souls will not only quiet the lingering, aching cry of our hearts, but will also draw our lost loved ones back to the Faith and into the arms of Jesus again. Yes, the nonconfrontational *Way of Saint Monica* is hard. But it is the only way. These pages demonstrate that, with the souls of our loved ones at stake, it is worth the effort . . . and worth the wait.

The sessions are on **Tuesdays**, beginning **October 7, 2025**, and continuing for the following three weeks. Each session will be from **6:00PM** until **7:30PM** in the St. Elizabeth Seton Room of the Hall of Saints. The book is free to those who participate. Men and women of all ages are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY - PILGRIM PEOPLE

Beginning **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**, and continuing on Tuesdays for the following three weeks, St. Margaret will offer a Bible Study on major pilgrimages which take place in scripture. Each session will be from **9:30AM** until **11:00AM** and consists of an opening prayer, video lecture and a discussion on the readings.

The cost of the materials per person is **\$15.00**. The sessions will take place in the St. Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints. Come by the parish office to pick up your book and read the first chapter. Men and women of all ages are welcome! The deadline for registration is **October 1, 2025!** For more information contact Christine at caribe500@gmail.com or 504-450-7343.

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of September: **Gabriel Schexnayder, River Gautier** and **Preston Wise**. Contact Melissa Berghausen in the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized!

THE LORD WILL REIGN FOREVER

Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

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

Vincent Alfano, Gwen & Walter Barado, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, 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, Tristian Harrison, Ann Hassenboughler, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Darrell Hoover, Melanie Johnston, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Carrie Odom, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Mary Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Brooklyn Sanone, 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, 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 **September 20/21, 2025**,
totaled:

\$13,154.00.

The **Religious Education (PSR)**
Second Collection totaled:

\$2,170.00

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

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE... 

SAVE THE DATE - 2025 ST. MARGARET FALL FESTIVAL

This year's St. Margaret Festival Day is **Sunday, November 16, 2025**. We are seeking NEW and HANDCRAFTED items for the auction; we also love donations of Services or Experiences to add to the auction. Please contact Gina Little 504-237-7105 or glittle1985@gmail.com if you have a donation to make.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

One hour in the silence with Jesus can surely change your life. 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 gretjohnson5@yahoo.com or 225-921-4071.

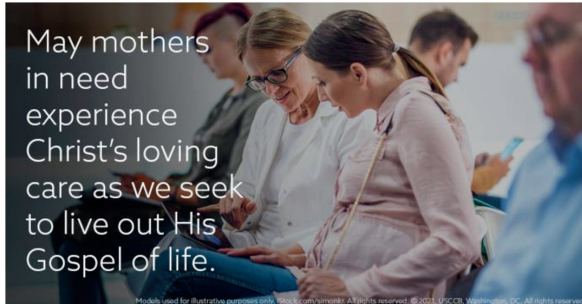
THE LORD LOVES THE JUST

Walking with
Moms in Need

| Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Over twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (Evangelium vitae 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2).

Let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? If a friend became pregnant in challenging circumstances, would she know she could come to me for loving support for her and her baby? Do I know of the places in my community where she could receive material help if she needed it?

Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

ACT *(choose one)*

- Seek Our Lady's intercession by praying a Rosary for the featured intention. (usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary)
- Give up coffee, sweets, or snacks for a week.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Read a brief summary of Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life) at respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and offers new resources and reflections on embracing the Gospel of life. Learn more at respectlife.org/celebrate.

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

www.WalkingWithMoms.com

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Carol Bordelon, Karen Chemay, Larry J. Evans,
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Frank & Margaret Koles, Frank Koles, III,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Mitchell & Virginia Miletello, Manina Family, Adam Mocsary,
Gina Mocsary, Judy Monistere, George & Eric Navarre, Sue Novak, June Koles Olah,
Sidney Ourso, Lawrence Pelotto, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Julius Prokop, Brooklyn Sansone, Lee Strawn and Jackie Wedge

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Fred J. Armand, Jr., Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert,
John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Chucky Martin, Gill Scioneaux
and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Jerome)

Jason Summers

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Therese)

Joy Bennett

Thursday, October 2, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels)

Lynette Pfiffner

Friday, October 3, 2025, 7:00AM Communion Service (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The family of Rixby Hardy would like to thank the Bereavement Committee for the delicious meal they provided to their family and friends following his funeral Mass and burial. Words cannot express the comfort these kind people have provided!

CONFESSION & MASS NEWS

There will be no Confessions available on **Thursday, October 2, 2025**, and no Daily Mass on **Friday, October 3, 2025**. We will have a Communion Service instead on **Friday, October 3, 2025**, at **7:00AM**.

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

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1169

Amos 6:1a,4-7

Warning to those who ignore
the needs of others.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

The time to respond in discipleship is now.

Luke 16:19-31

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4/5, 2025

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Luke 17:5-10

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 28, 2025

11:15AM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6)**, Hall of Saints
11:20AM—**PSR Reconciliation (Grade 5)**, St. Margaret Church
6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-8)**, Hall of Saints
6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades 9-11)**, Parish Hall
6:50PM—**PSR Reconciliation (Grade 9)**, St. Margaret Church

Monday, September 29, 2025

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

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room
6:00PM—**GriefShare**, St. Ignatius Room

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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

Thursday, October 2, 2025

There will be no Confessions available today!

6:00PM—**Bible Study-Psalms**, Hall of Saints

Friday, October 3, 2025

There will be no Daily Mass today!

7:00AM—**Communion Service**, St. Margaret Church
9:30AM—**GriefShare**, St. Ignatius Room
11:30AM—**Divine Readers**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

KC Seminarian Mission Raffle Ticket Sales!

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive!

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

BLESSINGS OF THE PETS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the blessing of the pets **Sunday, October 12, 2025**, at **12:30PM** between the Church and the Hall of Saints. Bring your cat, dog, turtle, bird, fish, rabbit, duck, hamster, snake, horse, goat, cow, chinchilla, guinea pig, lizard, gerbil, ferret, frog, pig, hermit crab, llama, etc. Father Paul will welcome the animals and give them a special blessing (some of them need it, right!)

