

THE

OCTOBER 25/26, 2025

PEW BUDDY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith."*

~2 Timothy 4:7

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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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WILL WE HEAR THE CRY OF THE POOR?

By Daniel P. Horan

Earlier this month, Pope Leo XIV issued his first apostolic exhortation titled *Dilexi Te* “On Love for the Poor.” This magisterial text carries forward the spirit of Pope Leo’s predecessor, Pope Francis, whose commitment to the poor was made manifest in his preaching, teaching, and actions. Like Pope Francis, Pope Leo is inspired by the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi whose embrace of evangelical poverty was both a protest against the injustice of material poverty and a sign of solidarity with those people whom society had overlooked, forgotten, or simply pushed to the margins and placed out of sight.

Pope Leo reminds us that, “The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself” (DT 9). Reiterating the church’s teaching on the “option for the poor,” the pope points our attention to the whole of sacred scripture that affirms God’s closeness to those who suffer and who calls the comfortable and powerful to conversion for the sake of their neighbors. He writes: “From the beginning of Scripture, God’s love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that he can be said to have a particular fondness for them. ‘God’s heart has a special place for the poor...The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor’” (DT 17).

This Sunday’s readings bear witness to this truth of God’s distinctive care and concern for the poor. The wisdom of Ben Sira in our first reading boldly proclaims that “The Lord is a God of justice” and, although God loves all without favorites, God “hears the cry of the oppressed.” The psalmist likewise announces that “The Lord hears the cry of the poor” and that “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.”

Today, there are many who are oppressed, brokenhearted, and crushed. In an age of rampant economic inequality when a handful of people individually possess billions of dollars while millions struggle to make ends meet and provide for their families, the poor cry out to God and neighbor. Likewise, when our refugee and migrant siblings fleeing persecution, poverty, and environmental devastation are oppressed by our nation’s political policies and dehumanizing treatment at our borders and also in our cities, the poor cry out to God and neighbor. And when those who do not have hardened hearts, who risk the vulnerability of compassion and the openness to mourn, are brokenhearted in the face of such injustice and pain, the poor cry out to God and neighbor.

We know from our readings today that God hears the cries of the poor and draws close to them. But the question remains, for those of us whom God has called to conversion, away from the idolatry of wealth and comfort to the solidarity of Christian discipleship: will we also hear the cries of the poor? And will we respond, when we do?

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

5TH ANNUAL ST. MARGARET TRUNK OR TREAT!

The Catholic Daughters and the Yummy for Your Tummy Team will host the Fifth Annual St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**. The fun will begin at **6:00PM**. Decorate your trunk and bring treats to share. Be sure to wear your favorite costume! Come join us for trick or treating, pizza, chips, and drinks. Please contact Tracy Andry at 225.485.5215 or tkandry@charter.net for more information or to sign up for a trunk. Hope to see you there!

KC SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Please join the Knights of Columbus and Mondays with Mary ministry on **Monday, October 27, 2025**, at **5:00PM** in St. Margaret Church for a special rosary and prayer service to honor the patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome to come hear the telling of the miracle that occurred in 1531 in Mexico with the appearance of Our Lady. More than 30 million indigenous people converted to Catholicism during the next decade. We will affirm our devotion to Our Lady and to protect life, especially the blessed and innocent unborn, those in most need of protection. Please call Glenn Young at 225.964.0947 for more information.

ALL SAINTS DAY EVENTS

Our All Saints Day Candlelight Mass will be on **Friday, October 31, 2025**, at **6:00PM** at St. Margaret Church. We will honor our beloved dead who have died since last All Saints Day. The Blessing of the Graves will immediately follow the **10:00AM** Mass on **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, which will be held at the cemetery (weather permitting, bring your chairs). Please make plans to join us to honor our beloved dead! We will also pray for all of our beloved deceased inscribed in our Book of Remembrance through the month of November. This Book of Remembrance is in the back of the church. Remember to inscribe the names of those who have died since last year.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Your St. Margaret/St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for individuals, families, or service-oriented groups interested in adopting a family for Christmas this year. We typically receive requests from our local schools to assist needy families as well as calls from people living in our immediate area pleading for help. Thanks to the generosity of many, last year 92 children experienced the blessing of gifts that included toys, clothing, and food at Christmas. We all recognize that higher living costs and utility expenses will create an even greater need this year for many families in our area. We suggest two gifts per family member, with each gift ranging from \$20-\$40. If you or your organization feel called to adopt a family this year, please contact Tracy Andry at 225.485.5215 by **November 14, 2025**, and help make Christmas 2025 special for needy neighbors in our community!

GIVE ME STRENGTH, LORD

2025 ST. MARGARET FALL FESTIVAL

This year's St. Margaret Fall Festival is **Sunday, November 16, 2025**, St. Margaret's Feast Day! 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 at glittle1985@gmail.com or 504.237.7105 if you have a donation to make or bring it to the parish office. ***Want to order a 2025 St. Margaret Fall Festival T-shirt? Come by the parish office or use the QR code here to print out the order form!***



2026 St. Margaret March for Life Sweatshirt Fundraiser



SUPPORT MARCH FOR LIFE

Please support our students going on the Annual March for Life Pilgrimage by purchasing a St. Margaret sweatshirt! Order forms are available on our website and in the parish office. Order deadline is **November 30, 2025**. These make GREAT Christmas gifts! Please contact Baleigh Henderson with any questions or order inquiries!

CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations all new couples married at St. Margaret during the month of October including **Austin Porche & Sarah Kron**. We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact one of the clergy to schedule your wedding or to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret!

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholic welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of October: **Magnolia Pierson**. Contact Peggy Desselle in the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized!

ST. JOSEPH'S HELPERS MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Since its inception in late 2024, the St. Joseph's Helpers Ministry has been asked to do a significant number of projects. As a result, we are looking for additional volunteers to assist in this ministry. If you are interested in helping, please call Deacon Tim Messenger at 419.957.9848. There are no meetings to attend, but fulfilling work to be done!

BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

CRY OUT TO GOD FOR HEALING

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

Vincent Alfano, Gwen & Walter Barado, Clark Bergeron, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Rhonda Dedman, Irene Good DeMars, Adeline Evans, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Wendy Gill, Hannah Guillotte, Jacob Hanewinkel, Joseph Hanewinkel, Tristian Harrison, Ann Hassenboughler, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Darrell Hoover, Tyler Hoover, Melanie Johnston, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Terry Parrino, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Wayne Poche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Mary Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Brooklyn Sanone, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Carla Van Vrancken, 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
October 18/19, 2025, totaled:

\$13,154.00.

The **Special Collection** for the
Propagation of the Faith totaled:

\$1,338.00

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

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners: **Molly McCarroll, Julian McCarroll, Mary Kathryn Balthaser, and Scott Kennedy**. 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. 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!

A VOCATION VIEW

"Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Will you share in Christ's saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.387.0561 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given
in memory of **George & Eric Navarre** by Kim Navarre.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Annette Barker, Eddie Barker, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Carol Bordelon,
Philip Brabham, Tony Buras, 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,
Alberta Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Wiliam Richard Lerille,
Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Judy Monistere, George & Eric Navarre,
Patty Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah,
Sidney Ourso, Lawrence Pelotto, Victor & Mary Pepitone, Andy Pfiffner,
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Julius Prokop, Anne Sherman,
Judy Sherman, Susan Tucker and Barbara Wilson

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, NO Mass (Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude)

Wednesday, October 29, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Mike Michon

Friday, October 31, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Fr. Paul Gros

Friday, October 31, 2025, 6:00PM Mass (All Saints Day Vigil)

George & Eric Navarre

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*

& Cemetery Liaison)

Peggy Desselle (*Contributions Manager*

& Sacraments Coordinator)

PASTORAL STAFF

Baleigh Olah Henderson

(*Religious Education, Youth Minister,*

& Communications Coordinator)

Debbie Corbett (*Safe Environment*)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gather Hymnal Number 1181

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God especially hears

the cries of the oppressed.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

"I have finished the race;

I have kept the faith."

Luke 18:9-14

The parable of the self-righteous

Pharisee and the tax collector.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

November 1/2, 2025

Wisdom 3:1-9

1 John 3:1-2

Luke 7:11-17

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

11:15AM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6)**, Hall of Saints
6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-8)**, Hall of Saints
6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grade 9-11)**, Parish Hall

Monday, October 27, 2025

5:00PM—**KC Silver Rose Ceremony**, St. Margaret Church
5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room
9:30AM—**Bible Study-Pilgrim People**, St. Ignatius Room
6:00PM—**GriefShare**, St. Ignatius Room
6:00PM—**One Book, One Church-The Saint Monica Club**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

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 30, 2025

Daily Mass Resumes!

4:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—**Bible Study-Psalms**, Hall of Saints

Friday, October 31, 2025

6:00PM—**All Saints Candlelight Vigil Mass**, St. Margaret Church

Saturday, November 1, 2025

All Saints Day!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 2! TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR!**

DAILY MASS & CONFESSION NEWS

There will be no Daily Mass **Tuesday, October 28** or **Wednesday, October 29, 2025**. Daily Mass will resume on **Thursday, October 30, 2025**, as will Confessions.



FEED THE YOUTH!

ST. MARGARET JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS MEET EACH WEDNESDAY AND THE KIDS COME HUNGRY! WE LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY LEAVE FED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A MEAL, OR A FEW, HERE!

