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OCTOBER 4/5, 2025

PEW BUDDY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"If you have faith
the size of a
mustard seed..."*

~Luke 17:6

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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The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

25 September 2025

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Baton Rouge:

The upcoming annual Continuing Formation Days for our priests are scheduled 06-09 October 2025. These days represent an important occasion for our priests' renewal and growth in intellectual and spiritual formation, emotional maturity, and physical well-being. Since these days are offered once a year and is a commitment by the diocese for their on-going formation, participation by our active priests is mandatory.

With the guidance of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council and Priests' Continuing Formation Committee, the site secured this year for these days is in New Orleans, Louisiana, and our parish priests will not be commuting back-and-forth to their parishes of assignment. Their temporary absence will affect certain regular pastoral ministries. In particular, the schedule of weekday Masses and possible times for funeral Masses may be impacted and adjusted in your parish during these Annual Formation Days. While this is a sacrifice, I consider this sacrifice worth making. Deacons can provide needed funeral rites, namely the vigil wake service, funeral without Mass, and rite of committal. If the local parish staff is unable to secure a deacon for this special funeral need, the parish staff may call the Office of the Vicar General (Fr. Jamin David) at 225.387.0561 for further assistance; Deacon Paul Soileau will assist with this coverage.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our priests with their ongoing formation renewal for ministry. I ask that you pray for our priests and our diocese during these days. I appreciate your affirmation and encouragement of our priests who give their lives for our diocese. May God be generous in leading us into the future with hope.

In Christ our Hope,

Most Reverend Michael G. Duca
Bishop of Baton Rouge

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

KC SEMINARIAN MISSION TICKET SALES & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be outside of all Masses this weekend 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!

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. Our next planning meeting will be on **Monday, October 6, 2025**, at **5:45PM** in the Hall of Saints.

BLESSING 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!)

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The family of Alberta Kronlage would like to thank Fr. Paul, the altar servers, and musicians for a beautiful funeral Mass. The family would also like to thank those who prepared the hall and the Bereavement Committee for the delicious meal after the services.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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.

If your loved one needs to remain on this list, please call the office to keep them on. We will be removing all of the names that have been on the list over six months unless you request them to remain. If your loved one is now doing well or has passes, please let us know.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection**
for the weekend of
September 27/28, 2025,
totaled:

\$12,987.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations all new couples married at St. Margaret during the month of September including **Hunter Michel & Natalie Hudspeth**. 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!

WELCOME PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **David, Meagan, Esther & Brennan Pugh, Mary & Ronald Dugas, Charles & Cheryl Raney, John & Cecilia Pence, and Renee & Nick Arcuri**. 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. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God's love!

KNEEL BEFORE OUR GOD

All Saints Day 2025*

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

To encourage more participation from those who live outside the community, the Blessing of the Graves will take place in the St. Margaret Cemetery on **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, All Souls' Day, immediately after the 10:00AM Mass.

BOOK OF MEMORY

In the month of November, we are called in a special way to remember our departed brothers and sisters and to ask God to give them admittance to the kingdom. During October, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the entrance of St. Margaret for the faithful to inscribe the names of their beloved dead who will be remembered in our prayers throughout November.

ALL SAINTS DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL MASS

In this special candlelight Vigil Mass for All Saints Day on **Friday, October 31, 2025**, at **6:00PM** at St. Margaret, the Book of Remembrance will be presented by the community. Also during the Mass, family members of those who lost a loved one whose funeral was celebrated at St. Margaret and/or was buried in our cemetery will be called forward by the name of their beloved deceased to light a candle especially in their memory. They will be invited to take the candle and keepsake cross after the Mass.

*Please note that All Saints Day is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation for 2025.

CEMETERY REMINDERS

All Saints Day is fast approaching and many of you will be cleaning up the graves of your loved ones in our cemetery. Our groundskeeper, Jason, works very hard at making our cemetery a beautiful and safe place to visit. When making your loved one's resting place a thing of beauty, please be sure to observe the rules of the cemetery. No weed killer of any kind is allowed on the grounds. Only latex paint (*no oil-based paint*) is allowed on the graves. For safety reasons, NO glass is allowed in the cemetery. All flowers left after All Saints Day around the graves in the grass need to be removed by **December 1, 2025**, or will be disposed of. Any other items left in the cemetery **cannot** remain in the grass. If you have any questions concerning our cemetery, please call Tammy in the parish office. If you are interested in having your loved ones grave pressure washed for a fee by our groundskeeper, please call the parish office for contact information.

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be **Sunday, October 19, 2025**, at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints. Adam DiBenedetto, will present "*Technology on Tap: Faith in the Age of AI.*" Join us to learn more about artificial intelligence and the Catholic Church!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Joseph & Dorothy Hanewinkel by the Lucie & Joe Hanewinkel.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Carol Bordelon, Karen Chemay, Larry J. Evans,
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Mark Gaspard, Jr., Linda C. Gaudin,
Ricky Genre, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Charlie Kirk, Frank & Margaret Koles,
Frank Koles, III, Alberta Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Michael Jude LeJeune,
Irene Mary Leon, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Adam Mocsary,
Judy Monistere, Patty Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,
June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso, Lawrence Pelotto, Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner,
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Julius Prokop, Brooklyn Sansone, Anne Sherman,
Judy Sherman, Peggy Sterling, Lee Strawn, Josh Tye, Parish & Julie Vicknair Family,
Charles Watkins and Jackie Wedge

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

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

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, NO Mass (Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Thursday, October 9, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Friday, October 10, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

David W. LeJeune

DAILY MASS NEWS

Due to the mandatory Annual Formation Days as explained in Bishop Duca's letter on page 1 of this bulletin, there will be no Daily Mass on **Tuesday, October 7** through **Thursday, October 9, 2025**. We will have confessions on **Thursday, October 9** at **4:00PM** and Daily Mass on **Friday, October 10, 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gather Hymnal Number 1172

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

Habakkuk's doubt and God's promise.

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Paul encourages Timothy to have faith.

Luke 17:5-10

Jesus responds to the
disciples' request for faith.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11/12, 2025

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

KC Seminarian Mission Raffle Ticket Sales!

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive!

Coffee & Donut Ministry Sunday!

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—**High School Circle of Grace (Grade 9-11)**, Parish Hall

Monday, October 6, 2025

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

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

5:45PM—**Fall Festival Planning Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

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

9:30AM—**Bible Study-Pilgrim People**, St. Ignatius Room

5:00PM—**Ladies Auxiliary Bake Taste Contest**, St. John Bosco Room

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

6:00PM—**One Book, One Church-The Saint Monica Club**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

6:30PM—**Knights & Ladies Faith Formation**, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—**Knights of Columbus Meeting**, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—**KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

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

1:00PM—**St. Thomas Planning 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 Fourth Degree Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room

Thursday, October 9, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

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

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

6:00PM—**Master Planning Committee Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Friday, October 10, 2025

7:00AM—**Daily Mass**, St. Margaret Church

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Hope Youth Fest at Our Lady of Hope!

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



2026 Hungarian Heritage Festival Royalty

