

THE

NOVEMBER 15/16, 2025

PEW BUDDY

FEAST OF ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND



"You are the light of the world."

~Matthew 5:14



PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! This weekend is especially significant as we celebrate the Feast of our Patroness, St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland. I wanted to dedicate this article to exploring her remarkable life.

Born around 1045 AD in the Kingdom of Hungary, St. Margaret was the daughter of the exiled English Prince Edward (son of King Edmund Ironside) and Princess Agatha of Hungary. Her father was eventually called back to England as a potential heir to the throne. However, the Norman conquest of England in 1066 AD forced Margaret and her family to flee once again. While attempting to return to Hungary, a shipwreck instead landed them on the shores of Scotland. There, King Malcolm III offered them refuge. King Malcolm soon fell in love with Margaret, marrying her around 1070 AD. The couple had eight children, including three sons who would all become kings of Scotland.

As queen, Margaret became instrumental in reforming both the Scottish court and the Church in Scotland. Renowned for her devout Catholic faith, she promoted piety, encouraged the observance of religious practices, and worked to align ecclesiastical customs more closely with Roman traditions. Her influence led to the building of many churches and monasteries, and she personally established hostels for pilgrims and travelers.

St. Margaret was most known for her immense charitable works toward the poor. Her deep compassion for the less fortunate was a defining characteristic of her reign. Tragically, she died on November 16, 1093, just days after receiving the devastating news of her husband and eldest son's deaths in battle.

Due to her deep devotion and the powerful way, she used her noble influence to serve the less fortunate, Margaret was canonized a saint by Pope Innocent IV in 1250. She remains venerated today as a model of Christian queenship and the Patroness of Scotland.

Reflecting on St. Margaret's life, two key lessons stand out. First, we see how God can use tragedy to fulfill His loving will. This is the core mystery of the Cross and the hope we cling to during life's challenges. Margaret's family endured the tragedies of exile and a near-fatal shipwreck. Yet, those very events were what led her to become Queen of Scotland, granting her the influence to transform the lives of thousands of her countrymen through her deep charity and love for God.

Secondly, St. Margaret was one of the few laywomen canonized at that time. Her life powerfully affirms that all of us are called to holiness. She demonstrates that holding wealth and power does not have to be a trap of materialism or self-gain. Instead, she used her elevated status entirely for the greater glory of God and to bring service to those in desperate need.

I hope that the life of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland can be a true inspiration to us all in our walk toward holiness and our journey to eternal life.

St. Margaret Queen of Scotland, pray for us and for our parish community!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

NOVEMBER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thanksgiving is coming soon and many families are struggling with food insufficiency. Your assistance in distributing food each month is a wonderful blessing for families in need. The October food distribution provided perishable food and boxes of dry goods to 198 families/523 individuals. We had 57 volunteers come out to help! Every volunteer plays a part in helping the food distribution go smoothly. The most important job that a volunteer does is bring joy and blessings to each person who comes to register or who has registered and drives through to pick up food. Recipients greatly appreciate seeing your smiling faces and hearing you say "God bless you" or "Hope you have a nice day." We look forward to seeing you at the next Food Distribution on **Thursday, November 20, 2025**. Food Distribution and Registration is from **9:00AM-11:00AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM-11:30AM**. If you already volunteer, let your team leader know that you will be able to help. If you want to get involved, please call 985.969.7477 so we can best utilize your time and talents. Mark your calendars - the St Margaret Food Distribution is the 3rd Thursday each month!

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On **Sunday, November 23, 2025**, after the **10:00AM** Mass, please join the Knights of Columbus and Fr. Paul for a Eucharistic procession in honor of Christ the King. The Solemnity of Christ the King is a celebration of Jesus Christ on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Catholics celebrate the Feast of Christ the King to express their faith to the public. The solemnity is a reminder that while many bad things are happening in the world, Christ lives and reigns forever. It also encourages people not to fear publicly living out their faith; a Eucharistic procession is a great example of someone living out their faith because people are walking in a group outside and praying to the Blessed Sacrament.

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!



PSR CLASS SCHEDULE & PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

In celebration of the Feast of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, and Thanksgiving, there will be no PSR classes on **Sunday, November 16, 2025** or **Sunday, November 23, 2025**. PSR classes will resume on **Sunday, November 30, 2025**.

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, November 27** and **Friday, November 28, 2025**, in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on **Tuesday, December 2, 2025**. Please take care of any business you may have before or after this time. Thank you for your consideration.

St. Margaret Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Memorial Mass 2025



This Mass is celebrated in loving memory of all our deceased members.
We appreciate your dedication, charity, time, works and love
for our parish and surrounding community.



<i>Jim Aldredge</i>	<i>Libby Fortenberry</i>	<i>Louis Koleszar, Jr.</i>	<i>Frank Parrino</i>
<i>Don Bankston</i>	<i>Dcn. Warren Fortenberry</i>	<i>Alberta Kronlage</i>	<i>Lynette Pfiffner</i>
<i>James Barker</i>	<i>Charlie Fox</i>	<i>Francis Kronlage</i>	<i>Chuck Raborn, Sr.</i>
<i>Ted Bennett</i>	<i>Rose Mary Fox</i>	<i>Helen Kropog</i>	<i>Benny Randazzo</i>
<i>Carol Bordelon</i>	<i>Libby Fisackerly</i>	<i>John Kropog</i>	<i>Marie Raquel Randazzo</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bordok</i>	<i>Robert Fisackerly, Jr.</i>	<i>Joseph Kropog</i>	<i>Margaret Resetar</i>
<i>Louis Bordok</i>	<i>Norman Frisbie</i>	<i>William Kropog</i>	<i>Michael Richard</i>
<i>Philip Brabham</i>	<i>Pauline Frisbie</i>	<i>Henry Lacour, Jr.</i>	<i>Edmond Sarraan, Sr.</i>
<i>William Carr</i>	<i>Ed Garro</i>	<i>Shirley Lacour</i>	<i>Janet Sarraan</i>
<i>Kirby Chatelain</i>	<i>Rose Mary Gascon</i>	<i>Vernon Landry, Jr.</i>	<i>Gill Scioneaux</i>
<i>Polly Chatelain</i>	<i>Tommy Gascon</i>	<i>John Langan</i>	<i>Wiley Sharp</i>
<i>Karen Chemay</i>	<i>Fred Gauthier</i>	<i>Dale Lorio</i>	<i>Aaron Sztaszak</i>
<i>Theresa Christina</i>	<i>Rose Gauthier</i>	<i>David Marshall</i>	<i>Emil "Sonny" Sztaszak</i>
<i>Ben Clary</i>	<i>Angelo Gendusa</i>	<i>Charles "Charlie" Martin</i>	<i>Rosie Sztaszak</i>
<i>Kevlin Coates</i>	<i>Maurice "Mo" Gerhardt</i>	<i>Sallie Martin</i>	<i>Joe Tantillo, Jr.</i>
<i>John Courouleau</i>	<i>Monsignor Leo Guillot</i>	<i>Conrad Metz</i>	<i>Anaise Touchard</i>
<i>Frances Dantin</i>	<i>Walter Hakenjos</i>	<i>Eugene Metz</i>	<i>Steve Vuljoen</i>
<i>William Dantin, III</i>	<i>Hubert Higginbotham</i>	<i>Michael Michon</i>	<i>Joan Wallace</i>
<i>James Darouse</i>	<i>John Huszar</i>	<i>George Mocsary</i>	<i>John Wallace</i>
<i>Margaret Davenport</i>	<i>Beryl Ivanyisky</i>	<i>Josie Mocsary</i>	<i>Carlton Ware</i>
<i>Charles DeMars</i>	<i>Steve Ivanyisky</i>	<i>Dixie Moore</i>	<i>Margie Watkins</i>
<i>Clayton Drury</i>	<i>Carolyn Johnson</i>	<i>Harold Moore</i>	<i>Peter Watkins</i>
<i>Mary Drury</i>	<i>Sylvia Kinchen</i>	<i>Bill Moran</i>	<i>Hance Westmoreland</i>
<i>Leo Dugas</i>	<i>Urban Kinchen</i>	<i>Frank Novak</i>	
<i>Lela Mae Fontenot</i>	<i>Steve Kfuka</i>	<i>Henry Novak</i>	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

SHINE YOUR LIGHT BEFORE ALL

That they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

ADVENT YOUNG LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



Inviting Ladies in Their 20s & 30s to Join In for a Bible Study
Diving into the Infancy Narrative in the Gospel of Luke.

This will be a free Bible Study offered to the young ladies of our community. Spend Advent in reflection and prayer with a supportive and fun group of gals.

Please RSVP to Baleigh Henderson or Megan Ourso by Friday, November 21, 2025.
Baleigh Henderson (985) 981-6524
Megan Ourso (985) 517-6428

"I am the handmaid of the Lord; may it be done to me according to Thy Word." Luke 1:38

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the
Regular Collection for the weekend
of **November 8/9, 2025**, totaled:

\$11,776.00.

The **St. Vincent de Paul
Second Collection** totaled:

\$2,626.00.

The **Second Collection**
next weekend will be for the
St. Margaret Youth Group!

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



ROSARYVILLE
INVITES YOU!

Noctem Adorationis

MERRY CHRISTMAS

39003 ROSARYVILLE RD.
PONCHATOLA, LA 70454

DECEMBER 18TH 2025

6PM-8PM

(Completely free and open to the public!)

Questions?
Jake Mullis
(985) 981-2082
jakemullis@icloud.com

In preparation of Jesus's birth, we invite you to a night of adoration at Rosaryville Retreat Center!

ADVENT WOMENS NIGHT OF REFLECTION

Join the women of St. Margaret on **Monday, December 15, 2025**, at **6:45PM** for a night of reflection this Advent season. Our speaker, Lynette Arlati will share on the topic *"Saying Yes and Supporting One Another: Lessons from Mary and Elizabeth."* The event will take place in the St. Margaret Parish Hall. There is no cost to attend, but you must reserve your seats by calling Gloria at 419.348.9674. You are welcome to reserve a table for a group of friends. Hope to see you there!

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Our Respect Life Ministry invites all, especially those who have lost an unborn baby, to join them in a candlelight Rosary procession to the plaque of the Unborn in St. Margaret Cemetery beginning in front of the church on **Sunday, November 23, 2025**, after the **5:30PM** Mass beginning in front of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Christine Horrell by Lucie & Joe Hanewinkel.

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Saturday, November 15, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Annette Barker, Eddie Barker, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Lisa Bergeron,
Carol Bordelon, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Gwendolyn Delaneuville,
Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin,
Ricky Genre, Romaine Guilbeau, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Frank & Margaret Koles, Frank Koles, III, Alberta Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
Philip & Irene Leon, William 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, Fr. Laz Panthegani,
Lawrence Pelotto, Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Julius Prokop, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, Barbara Wilson
and Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Margie & Joe Liuzza

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Shelly Cyrus

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Friday, November 21, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary)

Fr. Paul Gros

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary** by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary. 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*)
Father Kumar Kolakani (*Assistant 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

Feast of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland

Isaiah 58:6-11

Share your bread with the hungry.

Romans 8:26-30

Those he justified he also glorified.

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22/23, 2025

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Campaign for Human Development Special Collection!
St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Feast Day!
No PSR Classes!

12:00PM—**St. Margaret Fall Festival**, Church Grounds

Monday, November 17, 2025

iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving Opens Today!

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

1:00PM—**St. Faustina's Stitches**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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

6:00PM—**High School Youth Group**, St. Pope John Paul II Room

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

Thursday, November 20, 2025

9:00AM—**Food Distribution**, Parish Hall

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

5:30PM—**CDA Rosary**, St. Ignatius Room

6:00PM—**Catholic Daughters Meeting**, St. Ignatius Room

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

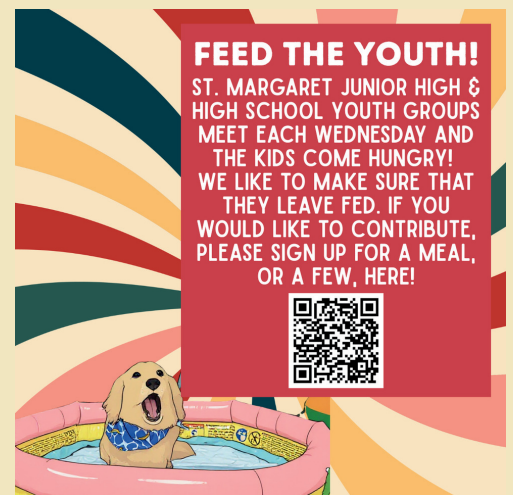
Friday, November 21, 2025

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled for Today!

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Youth Group Second Collection!

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



St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

30300 Catholic Hall Road | Hammond | LA 70403
P.O. Box 100 | Albany | LA 70711

St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

31718 Main Street | Springfield | LA 70462

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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