

THE

MAY 2/3, 2026

PEW BUDDY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

*"How can we
know the way?"*
~ John 14:5

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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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDALING PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! “BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!” These were the words many of our young people heard this past week as they were confirmed, either by the Bishop or me. I love those words because they describe exactly what God the Father is doing. After claiming them as His own at their baptism, He now seals them with the gift of the Holy Spirit and sends them out as His own!

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a “Catholic gold star,” nor a kind of “Catholic Boy Scout Badge,” nor is it a graduation from PSR only so one may return to Mass for Christmas and Easter. Rather, it is about God stirring up the grace of the Holy Spirit within us and sending us to be witnesses to Christ in the world.

Congratulations to all our newly confirmed young Catholics! May the same Holy Spirit that emboldened and “fired up” the Apostles on Pentecost give each of them the zeal and courage to witness to their Catholic faith.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to the men and women of St. Margaret who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Michael Duca last weekend including: **Brock Walker, Presley Rumfola, Zoe Hawkes, Colt White, Aiden Lalonde, Joseph O'Neill, Emilyn Willman, Hannah Craig, Katie Rogers, Elijah Dupuy, Abram Cronan, Lillian Torres, Hunter Parks, Katherine Hanks, Jessalynn Olah, Adelle Aucoin, Madelyn Torres, Liliana Cooper, Amelie Stagg, Luke Cashen, Skyler Dixon, Addie Casteel, Raelynn Regalo and Jacob Jason.**

Also, congratulations to the men and women of St. Margaret who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Fr. Paul Gros last Tuesday and Wednesday including: **Sarah Hanks, Logan Robertson, Tripp Dillard, Catherine Ellzey, Rosario Rojo, Leah Riggs, Evan Lambert, Chance Slade, Mason Hawkes, Lathan Hart, Jacques Langlois, Evan Miller, Paisley Porche, Anthony St. Cyr, Ava Casteel, Brigid O'Neill, Brody Casteel, Chloe McKinney, Isabel Marshall, MacKenzie Johnson, Chloe Motichek, Alexis Snee, Joseph Cocchiola, Cooper Hendry, Kamdyn Reggio, Layla Sanzone, Tucker Gregoire, Maggie Millet, Ava Wascom, Faith Hoffmann, Alexander Deslatte, Eli Peltier, Giana Dillard, Charlee Raborn, Brady Liuzza, Carter Ellzey, Afnin Perez, Isabella Delatte, Katie Delatte, Eva Craig and Beau White.** Please continue to pray for these people on their spiritual journey!

FR. KUMAR & FR. LAZ HOST INDIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER

On **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, at **5:00PM** Fr. Kumar and Fr. Laz will be hosting an "Indian Meal" fundraiser in the parish hall to raise funds to send young women in India to school. Their ability to get an education will help prevent the human trafficking of these young women. It only costs \$350 to send one young lady to school for a year in India. We will enjoy a traditional Indian-style meal and good company with each other. Please bring a dessert to share for after the meal. Donations are appreciated!

FOSTERING HOPE MINISTRY NEEDS

Fostering Hope Ministry is hosting a clothing drive for foster children attending the Teen Reach Adventure Camp. The requested sizes are for this year's campers but any sizes will help stock the store for future campers.

NEEDED ITEMS:

Girls: Spring Church Dresses, sizes Medium, Large & XL (8/9+), Jewelry & Purses.

Dress Shoes: 6, 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9.5, 10W

Boys: Dress pants, sizes Youth 14/16, all men's sizes

Long-sleeve Dress Shirts, Ties & Wallets.

Dress Shoes: sizes Youth 9, Men's 6.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, & 10.5

Donations will be accepted until **May 17, 2026**. Drop off all donations in basket outside the Hall of Saints. Thank you for your generosity to our foster children assistance ministry, Fostering Hope.

RING OUT JOY TO THE LORD

Walking with
Moms in Need

Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE

May our Blessed Mother draw women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies close to her heart.



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love.

Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they, too, often face challenging circumstances in answering God’s call to welcome new life. During times of difficulty and anxiety, we pray that Our Lady will draw pregnant mothers close to her heart and, through her intercession, bring comfort, encouragement, and joyful hope. In bravely living out their vocation, mothers reflect the sacrificial love of Christ on a daily basis. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may we work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need.

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NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of April, **Judy Monistere, Weston Jochum, and Valley Chiasson**. May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Debbie Corbett in the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized!

CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to our newest couple married at St. Margaret during the month of April: **Reid Regouffre & Whitney Veron**. We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact Peggy Desselle to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret!

ACT (choose one)

- Pray the “Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life” (bit.ly/mother-of-life) for all expectant mothers facing difficulties or challenges.
- Fast from television or social media for the day. Instead, spend time reflecting on how God is asking you to support pregnant women in difficult circumstances.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Read Pope Francis’ reflections on our Blessed Mother and the gift of motherhood in “Our Mother the Church and the Gift of Motherhood.” bit.ly/pope-francis-motherhood

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area: www.WalkingWithMoms.com

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Ruth & Michael Barclay, Ruthie Cashen, Joseph Dixon, Stephen & Dawn Dolski, Ryan, Hayley & Ava Duplechain, and Nicholas, Larilyn & Benjamin Hudspeth**. 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 or in the parish office. 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!

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Rotisserie Chicken Dinner

Large Leg Quarter, Baked Beans,
Corn on the Cob, Bread & Dessert

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Drive thru pick up time 11:00AM until 12:30PM
at the Parish Hall.

\$11.00 per plate



Funds raised will benefit our charitable activities, including supporting and assisting many St. Margaret ministries and events.

Tickets will be sold outside of all Masses the weekend of May 9/10, 2026.

For more information, contact Glenn Young (225.964.0947).

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

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

Tina Allen, Gwen & Walter Barado, Louis Bartus, Clark Bergeron, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Kathleen Coleman, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Rhonda Dedman, Adeline Evans, Jimmy Giannobile, Wendy Gill, David Guillot, Hannah Guillotte, Joseph Hanewinkel, Joe Hanewinkel, III, Ann Hassenbouhler, Tristian Harrison, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Bill Hoover, Suzanne Howze, Teresa Ivanyisky, Melanie Johnston, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Mike Matherne, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Joseph Mocsary, Erica Montz, Fay Murray, Amelie Oriol, Meghan Page, Terry Parrino, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Wayne Poche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Kim Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Brooklyn Sansone, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Ricky Simoneaux, Mary Stabile, Brittney Stille, Danette Stille, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Barney Wall, Lucy Whiddon, Dominick David Wright, Judy Wright, 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 **April 25/26, 2026**, totaled:

\$12,210.00.

The **Special Collection** for the
Catholic Home Missions totaled:

\$1,351.00

The **Special Collection** next weekend
will be for **Catholic Communications!**

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is burning for
the souls of those buried in St. Margaret Cemetery.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Thomas Chapel is burning for
all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Susan Hammett Brantley, Elroy Cain, Karen Chemay, Jeff Day, Larry J. Evans, Al Fauchoux, Pete Fisher, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, Sterling & Jeanette Higginbotham, Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Serenity Loque, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, George & Josie Mocsary, Gina & Adam Mocsary, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Sidney Ourso, Victor & Mary Pepitone, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Ted & Jan Resetar, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman and Vito Tallia, Sr.

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Pauline Frisbie, Donovan Jones, John LaGrange, Clarence & Faye Landeche & Family, David Landeche & Family, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Chucky Martin, Stormy Perry, E.D. Purvis, Gerard Lou Staub and Charles & Marie Stumpf & Family

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

John J. & Mary L. Prokop

Monday, May 4, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Pam, Vincent, Angelo and Joseph Gaeta

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Belinda Wilson

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Marie Babineaux

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Donivan Jones

Friday, May 8, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Lynette Pfiffner

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 - St. Margaret Church
Sunday-8:00AM - St. Thomas Chapel
10:00AM & 5:30PM - St. Margaret Church

Daily Masses

Monday-5:30PM (after Mondays with Mary)
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 Sales*)
Peggy Desselle (*Contributions Manager
& Wedding Coordinator*)

PASTORAL STAFF

Baleigh Olah Henderson
(*Religious Education, Youth Minister,
& Communications Coordinator*)
Debbie Corbett (*Safe Environment &
Baptismal Coordinator*)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Gather Hymnal Number 1073

Acts 6:1-7

Challenges in the early Christian community.

1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the true foundation.

John 14:1-12

"You have faith in God;
have faith also in me."

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9/10, 2026

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Coffee & Donut Ministry!

11:00AM—**May Crowning**, St. Margaret Church Piazza

11:15AM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6)**, Hall of Saints

Monday, May 4, 2026

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

10:00AM—**St. Thomas Altar Society**, St. Thomas Chapel

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. PAUL!

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

5:00PM—**Indian Dinner Fundraiser**, Parish Hall

6:00PM—**Adult Confirmation Class**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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

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

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

Thursday, May 7, 2026

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

6:00PM—**VBS Volunteer Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Friday, May 8, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Catholic Communication Campaign Special Collection!

KC Ladies Chicken Dinner Ticket Sales!

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

6:00PM—**Wine Tasting & Dinner**, Parish Hall



Join us on *Sunday, May 3, 2026*, following the 10:00AM Mass for the May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother, Mary!

Regina Caeli

(O Queen of Heaven)

- sung at the end of Mass before the closing collect.

Re - gi - na cae - li, lae - tá - re, al - le - lú - ia.
O Queen of heav - en, be joy - ful, al - le - lu - ia.

Qui - a quem me - ru - í - sti por - tá - re, al - le - lú - ia.
For he whom you have hum - bly borne for us, al - le - lu - ia.

Re - sur - ré - xit si - cut di - xit, al - le - lú - ia.
Has a - ris - en, as he prom - ised, al - le - lu - ia,

O - ra pro no - bis De - um, al - le - lú - ia.
Of - fer now our prayer to God, al - le - lu - ia.