

THE

MAY 23/24, 2026

PEW BUDDY

PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

~ John 20:21

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

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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 this Pentecost Sunday!

Again, congratulations to Deacon John Ryals on his ordination this past Saturday morning! Please join us for a reception in his honor this Sunday, May 24, in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 AM Mass.

This summer, St. Margaret is fortunate to host another seminarian for his summer assignment. Last year, we were blessed to have Austin Duhe with us for a few weeks; this year, we will be hosting Landry Latour for the entire summer. I have known Landry for several years and even served as his spiritual director for several months before he entered the seminary. St. Margaret has always been a supportive community for men in priestly formation. Please extend a warm welcome to Landry as he begins his first week here in June, and please keep him and all of our seminarians in your prayers.

Below is a brief autobiography from Landry to help you get to know him.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr Paul

Meet Our Summer Seminarian: Landry Latour

I did not grow up Catholic. I first encountered the faith in high school after transferring from St. Amant to St. Michael's halfway through my junior year. During that time, I began to learn more about the teachings of the Church. Much of what I heard made sense to me, and many of the misconceptions I previously held were corrected.

However, it is often a long journey from the head to the heart, and I did not pursue the faith further at that time. Later, during my sophomore year of college, I became aware of a persistent ache in my heart. This experience led me to reach out to a former high school teacher, who invited me to Mass with her family. I soon found other mentors who walked with me as I grew in my relationship with God. On the Easter Vigil in 2023, I was received into the Church at St. John the Evangelist.



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

MOVIE NIGHT, DATE NIGHT, FUNDRAISER!

Please help our High School Youth Group students raise money for their Steubenville and Mission Krewe experiences this summer by purchasing a ticket to attend a movie night in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, following the Vigil Mass. Tickets, available outside of all Masses and at the door, will be \$10, which includes dinner. Candy, drinks, and popcorn will be available for purchase at the event. Please contact Baleigh Henderson for more information!

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE RECENTLY?

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? Are you still grieving years after a loss? Is it hard for you to feel optimistic about the future at the moment? You are not alone! St. Margaret will host a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare in the Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints on **Tuesday evenings at 5:30PM** beginning on **June 10, 2026**. This support group will help you face the challenges of grief while moving toward rebuilding your life. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Tammy, the ministry leader, in the parish office or by email at tresetar@stmargaretstthomas.com. *Catholics, non-Catholics, as well as non-parishioners are invited to attend!*

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic but have questions? Do you know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith? Join us for our next OCIA Inquiry Session on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**, at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. This session's topic will be "What is OCIA?" presented by Kristie Raborn. Kristie will review the Catechism of the Catholic Church and discuss what the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults actually is, along with testimonies from previous catechumens and candidates. We are here for you!

WE NEED USHERS/HOSPITALITY MINISTERS!

If you are looking for a simple way to serve in a ministry that will touch many people, consider becoming a Usher/Hospitality Minister. Ushers/Hospitality Ministers get to share Jesus with everyone entering and leaving our beautiful churches. They are also essential for the security of our parish community. If you are interested in helping with this rewarding ministry, please call the parish office.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Effective **June 1, 2026**, for the summer months, the parish office will close at **12:00PM (NOON)** on **Fridays**. If you have business to attend to in the parish office, please do so before this time.

SINCERE THANK YOU

The St. Margaret/St. Thomas community would like to thank everyone who participated in our first annual wine tasting event. We hope you enjoyed it and we look forward to next year. We really appreciate your support. God bless you for your generosity.

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **May 16/17, 2026**, totaled: **\$11,446.00**.

The **Second Collection** for the **Mission Appeal** totaled: **\$3,435.00**.

The **Second Collection** next weekend will be for our **St. Vincent de Paul Society!**

TO
GIVE... 

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

GRAVE CLEANING AVAILABLE

If you are interested in having your loved one's grave pressure washed by our groundskeeper for a fee, please call the parish office for contact information.



The Diocese of Baton Rouge
Child Nutrition Program
will be providing **free** summer meals
to all children 18 and under.
{First come/first served basis}

Each child will receive:
7 Breakfasts + **7** Lunches
+ **1** Gallon of Milk
{Maximum of **5** meal packages per vehicle}



For more information, please call the CNP office at
225.387.6421 or visit www.cnpbr.org.



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MEAL SERVICES 2026 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MONDAYS

JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Immaculate Heart of Mary
11140 LA 77 - Maringouin, LA 70757

Mission of the Sacred Heart
29589 S Poplar St
Livingston, LA 70754

St Jules

7165 LA 1 - Belle Rose, LA 70341

TUESDAYS

JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Our Lady of Peace
13281 Hwy 644 - Vacherie, LA 70090

St Catherine of Siena
421 St Patrick St - Donaldsonville, LA
70346

St Margaret Queen of Scotland
30300 Catholic Hall Rd - Hammond, LA
70403

WEDNESDAYS

JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**
LA-308 - Plattenville, LA 70393

Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church
509 Pine St - Independence, LA 70443

Our Lady of Prompt Succor
32615 Bowie St - White Castle, LA 70788

THURSDAYS

JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

St Gabriel Catholic Church
3625 Hwy 75 - St Gabriel, LA 70776

MY GOD, HOW GREAT YOU ARE

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

LORD, RENEW THEM THROUGH OUR PRAYERS

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

Tina Allen, Louis Bartus, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Joyce Butler, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Kathleen Coleman, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, 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, Melanie Johnston, Frank Kovach, David Landeche, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Mike Matherne, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Joseph Mocsary, Erica Montz, Evelyn Moreland, Fay Murray, Amelie Oriol, Meghan Page, Terry Parrino, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Wayne Poche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Kim Prokop, Brooklyn Sansone, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Ricky Simoneaux, Mary Stabile, Barbara Stallcup, Brittnay Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, 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.

ST. MARGARET
VBS
2026
JULY 6-10TH

JOIN THE FUN!!!

REGISTER TODAY!
FORMS DUE
JUNE 15

PARTICIPANT FORM

VOLUNTEER FORM

ALL FORMS ARE DUE TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15.
KIDDOS HAVING COMPLETED GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 5 MAY PARTICIPATE.
VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED GRADE 6!
PLEASE PRINT THESE FORMS AND SUBMIT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.
CONTACT HEIDI OR BAILEIGH WITH ANY QUESTIONS!
HEIDI3289@YAHOO.COM
BOHENDERSON@STMARGARETSTTHOMAS.COM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join our Rainforest Krewe this summer for VBS 2026! Participant and volunteer forms are LIVE on the website and available to access via QR code in the flyer, social media, and a few printed in the church. VBS is for those kiddos that have completed Pre-K through 5th grade. Volunteers may help once they have completed 6th grade. ALL forms are due to the parish office by **Wednesday, June 15, 2026!**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Looking for something to liven up your relationship this summer? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will give you all the tools you need for a better, stronger, and more loving marriage. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience at Rosaryville Retreat Center on **August 28-30, 2026**. For more information, visit wwme.org or call 800-586-5469. Early registration is highly recommended.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Larry J. Evans by Tammy & Eddie Resetar.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday, May 23, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Susan Hammett Brantley, Tony & Josie Carreca,
Karen Chemay, Jeff Day, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard,
Ricky Genre, Henry Grace, Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Howard Kidder, Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Gina & Adam Moscary,
Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, George & Eric Navarre, Patti Niehaus,
Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Sidney Ourso, Josef & Mary Pauli, Lynette
Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Conrad Rossie, Louis & Mary Ann Schultz,
Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, John & Geraldine Sziber, Vito Tallia, Sr. and Leon Vullo

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Al & Jackie Cox, Jason Degenhardt, Erin Gautier,
Vickie & Brian Jones, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, E.D. Purvis,
Sherry Rider Smith, Gerard Lou Staub and Chris Troclair

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Hilton Hoover

Monday, May 25, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God)

Donivan Jones

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Philip Neri)

Tammy & Eddie Resetar

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, May 28, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Cheryl Brothers

Friday, May 29, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

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

Pentecost Sunday

Gather Hymnal Number 1079

Acts 2:1-11

God's mighty acts empower and unify.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The unifying power of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

Jesus equips the disciples to be
instruments of forgiveness.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

The Most Holy Trinity

May 30/31, 2026

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Mission Appeal Second Collection!

11:30AM—Reception for Deacon John Ryals, Parish Hall

Monday, May 25, 2026

Memorial Day! Honor those who died in service to our country.

NO Mondays with Mary Today!

5:30PM—Mass, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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

9:00AM—Staff Faith Formation, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

5:00PM—Junior Youth Group, St. Margaret Room

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

Thursday, May 28, 2026

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

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

Friday, May 29, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Fr. Paul Gros Ordination Anniversary!

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



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.