

THE

JUNE 13/14, 2026

PEW BUDDY

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few..."
~Matthew 9:37

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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OFFICE HOURS

We are open Tuesday-Friday,
8:00AM-12:00PM, and Tuesday-
Thursday from 1:00PM-3:00PM!

We are closed for lunch from
12:00PM-1:00PM.

We are closed on Monday!



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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDALING PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parishioners,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Have you been wondering what that funny hat Father wears at Mass is called, and what it is for? Well, the hat you see pictured below is called a “biretta.” The name comes from the Latin word *birrus*, which means “cloak with a hood.” It most likely developed during the High Middle Ages as an academic hat and has a direct connection to the modern-day mortarboard hats used in secular universities today.

However, even before the biretta, clergy caps were common. In the late 7th century, Roman Catholic clergy took up a symbol of slavery by shaving their heads upon receiving the sacrament of Holy Orders. This was called a “tonsure.” Because of the cold in winter and the heat of the sun in summer, it became a custom for clergy to wear caps to protect their heads.

The biretta eventually became standard use for clergy during the procession and recession of Mass, and while they were seated. Also, before the homily became an integral part of the Mass, priests would wear it while preaching. After Vatican II, wearing the biretta was no longer obligatory as it had been under the 1962 Missal. Thus, many priests stopped wearing it, and it eventually lost its commonplace status in the liturgy. Recently, however, these liturgical vestments have been slowly making their way back into the Mass. I plan to use the biretta during solemnities like Easter, Christmas, Marian Feast Days, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

The different colors of the hat signify rank within the Church hierarchy. Cardinals wear scarlet red, bishops wear amaranth (purple), and priests, deacons, and seminarians wear black. Bishops have four peaks on their birettas, while priests and deacons have three peaks representing their threefold mission—to teach, sanctify, and govern.

As for the pompom on the top... well, I will let Truthly answer that one:

“What has developed over time is a deeply pastoral and spiritual interpretation of the pompom. When the priest wears the head covering, he is meant to remember the sins of conceit. Children never cease to poke fun at the biretta—it does not frame the face, it is tall, asymmetrical, and has a large pompom on top. One does not put it on and walk out of the sacristy thinking ‘handsome.’

For the priest, it adds an element of humility. He may be ridiculed for it, but he endures it for the sake of Christ. In this sense, the pompom—far from being a crown of glory—becomes an instrument of humility and mortification. As Exodus 28 tells us, Aaron was instructed to make headdresses for his sons ‘for beauty and glory’—in the case of the biretta, the beauty and glory is God's, and not the one who wears it.”

I hope that helps answer some questions!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

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 is hosting a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare in the Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints on **Tuesday evenings at 5:30PM**. 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 in the parish office or by email at tresetar@stmargaretstthomas.com. *Catholics, non-Catholics, as well as non-parishioners are invited to attend!*


HELP SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Help make this year's VBS a fun and faith-filled experience for all of our children! We've created an Amazon Wish List with supplies and items needed for crafts, games, snacks, and activities throughout the week (use the QR code here). Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and help make VBS possible for our parish families. Thank you for your generosity and support of our youth ministry!



ST. MARGARET
JOIN THE FUN!!!
VBS 2026
REGISTER TODAY! FORMS DUE JUNE 15
JULY 6-10TH

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!
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VBS REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 15

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 **Monday, June 15, 2026!**

CRY TO THE LORD WITH JOY

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the blood donors for their precious gift of life given on **Sunday, May 31**. If you could not donate on that day, you can call the Blood Center in Hammond and make an appointment at your convenience. Just mention our Church's account number, **D227**, with your donation and your gift will count toward our quota to cover all parishioners. Have a blessed day!

JUNE FOOD DISTRIBUTION & ANNUAL REGISTRATION NEWS

Thanks to everyone's prayers, the weather did not affect giving out food - it only drizzled. Also, thanks to Catholic Charities Food Rescue program, which gets food from local grocery stores, we were very blessed to have a wonderful supply of frozen meat to give out to recipients. We could not do it without our 45 Volunteers - 161.25 hours of service this month. There were 188 Families (535 individuals) who were blessed with much needed food. Our next Food Distribution will be on **Thursday, June 18, 2026**, with NEW pick up times of **8:30AM** until **10:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **11:00AM**. If you are already a 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.

Please let your friends and neighbors, who get food through the Food Distribution Program, know that registration is **Monday, June 29, 2026**, from **8:30AM** to **11:30AM**. Everyone must register even if they registered previously. There is a cap on the number of people who can register, so *it is a first come/first served registration*. *We do not pass out food that day*. People will enter as usual from West Bates by St. Margaret Cemetery.



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

HEALING POWER: PRAYING FOR OTHERS

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

Tina Allen, Louis Bartus, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Carol Bates, 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, Gasper Guy Palermo, 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.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection** for the weekend
of **June 6/7, 2026**, totaled:

\$12,675.50.

The **Building & Maintenance Fund**
Second Collection totaled:

\$3,737.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Come spend an hour or so with Jesus in the prayerful silence of Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. If you can commit to an hour weekly or would like additional information, please contact Gretchen Johnson at gretjohnson5@yahoo.com or 225.921.4071.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on **Friday, June 19, 2026**, in observance of Juneteenth. Please take care of any business you may have before or after this time. Thank you for your consideration!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Thomas Chapel is given in memory of
Gill Scioneaux by Darlene Scioneaux.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Susan Hammett Brantley, Karen Chemay, Jeff Day,
Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre,
Hilton Hoover, Andre Ibarra, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Ray & Connie Louviere,
Manina Family, Gina & Adam Moscary, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere,
Alex Newman, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Antonio Quintana, Steve Resetar,
Frank & Denise Schilling, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman,
William F. Sherman, Sr., MD, Pat Sziber, Vito Tallia, Sr. and Yancy Watkins

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Al & Jackie Cox, Lloyd Dominguez, Erin Gautier,
David Landeche, Sandra "Coochie" Landry, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin,
E.D. Purvis, Steve & Mary Resetar, Frank & Denise Schilling, Sherry Rider Smith
and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Susan Hammett Brantley

Monday, June 15, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Gill Scioneaux

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Peyton & Landon Stewart

Friday, June 19, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1122

Exodus 19:2-6a

You shall be to me a kingdom
of priests, a holy nation.

Romans 5:6-11

If we were reconciled to God through the
death of his Son, how much more
will we be saved by His life.

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples
and sent them out.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20/21, 2026

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Mission Krewe Second Collection!

Monday, June 15, 2026

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

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

8:00AM—**Child Food Summer Program**, Church Grounds

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

5:30PM—**GriefShare**, St. Ignatius Room

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

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

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

5:00PM—**VBS Decoration**, Hall of Saints

Thursday, June 18, 2026

8:30AM—**Food Distribution**, St. Margaret Church Grounds

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

Friday, June 19, 2026

Juneteenth!

Parish Office Closed Today!

Saturday, June 20, 2026

10:00AM—**Transitional Deacon Ordination**, St. Joseph Cathedral

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

