

THE

AUGUST 15/16, 2026

PEW BUDDY

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

*"Please, Lord, for even
the dogs eat the scraps
that fall from the table
of their masters."*

~Matthew 15:27

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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OFFICE HOURS

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

We are closed on Monday!



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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Did you know St. Margaret has purchased a subscription to an online media platform that all of St. Margaret parishioners can be a part of? As I have mentioned in the past, FORMED.org is like a "Catholic Netflix." It has study programs, e-books, audio books, movies, and talks about ALL topics Catholic. There is also an app that enables you to log on from your phone or smart device. Please, please...take advantage of this (free to you) subscription!

Several of you have approached me about learning more about a topic in the faith (i.e. angels, prayer, the pope). FORMED.org is a great way to do your own private study (or with friends and family) and not wait for Fr. Paul's next talk or book study session! Parents - FORMED.org has so many family formations and videos especially made for you to watch as a family or allow some healthy "screen time" for your little ones without having to worry about what message they are receiving. With a new year of PSR beginning, this is a great way to bring formation into your home, in addition to what your kids are receiving in religion classes.

Below are new instructions on how to create your FORMED.org account. PS - I can see who has created an account! If you have questions or need guidance, please send Baleigh an email and she can help troubleshoot with you - bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com.

The easiest way to search for the parish is by the zip code - either 70711 or 70403 will work.

How do new parishioners register for an account?

Registering for Formed is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup (where you are automatically redirected to the Augustine Institute sign in page).
2. Enter your email and click "Next"
3. Enter your name, agree to the Terms of Use, and click "Sign Up".
4. Select your parish by entering the parish zip code, then click "Sign Up".
5. You will then be taken to the main Formed site and should be automatically signed in and be able to access all the content.

How do parishioners log into Formed that previously had access?

1. Go to formed.org.
2. In the upper right corner, select "Sign In."
3. If you are already actively logged on, you will be brought to the main Formed site.
4. If you are not logged on, the system will invite you with a password or 6-digit code.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

PSR BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND!

PSR classes will begin on **Sunday, August 23, 2026**. K-6 from 11:15AM until 12:30PM on Sunday morning after the 10:00AM Mass and grade 7 after the 5:30PM Mass from 6:45PM until 8:00PM. We are looking forward to another great year! Registration forms can be picked up from the parish office or can be printed out on our website to be submitted. The PSR handbooks are also available on the website! *Registrations after August 7th are subject to a \$10 late fee. (Use the QR code above.)*



There will also be MANDATORY meetings for PSR parents/guardians next Sunday, August 23, 2026, in St. Margaret Church at the same time as your child's PSR class. See the Parish Calendar on the back of the bulletin for times. If you have any questions, please contact Baleigh Henderson at the parish office or by email at bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com.

AUGUST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Please let your friends and neighbors, who get food through the Food Distribution Program, know Annual Registration is still open. On August 20th during food distribution, Catholic Charities will be doing registration until they reach the cap on the number of families who can register. The cap is based on the amount of food available through the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank – USDA program. This month's distribution is **August 20, 2026**, from **8:30AM** until **10:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **11:00AM**.

You can also support this ministry by joining our New Prayer Circle. The group will meet during Food Distribution around **8:00AM** (after we sort the perishable food) in the Parish Hall. Volunteers will pray for the recipients and all the people in our area who are physically, emotionally or spiritually in need.

If you are a regular food distribution 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 Join Us For
Supper & Substance

A New Ministry for St. Margaret & St. Thomas

Our first installment for this engagement will be presented by
Fr. Paul Gros on
"Marriage & Family: Making it Matter"

All are welcome! Childcare for children 3+ (potty-trained) will be available (donations to our youth group are most welcome!).
Dinner will be provided!

August 29, 2026, 6:00 PM
St. Margaret Parish Hall

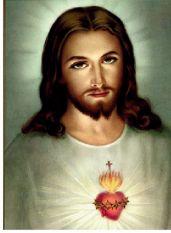
This is a FREE event, but please kindly RSVP here:

Contact Baleigh Henderson with any questions:
bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com





OBSERVE WHAT IS RIGHT



Two Hearts

Women's Prayer Breakfast

All women are invited to come together
for Breakfast, Fellowship & Prayer



Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:00am – 12:00pm

KC Hall, Independence, LA

Guest Speaker:

Jennifer Prather

Jennifer Prather is a veteran in Catholic education with more than 20 years of experience in the Theology classroom and parish settings. She graduated summa cum laude with her master's degree in Theological Studies from Notre Dame Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans, Louisiana. In addition to working as a full-time classroom teacher, Jennifer also founded Image & Gift Ministries, which strives to educate Catholic Christians in an authentic understanding of the Catholic vision of the human person. This ministry of teaching has taken her to several dioceses in the United States and has led to a certificate program offered online at the international level with students from ten countries. She teaches courses on and presents on topics such as Theology of the Body, The Feminine Genius, gender identity, same-sex attraction, How to teach TOB, and many other topics on the spiritual life at the parish, Diocesan, undergraduate, and international levels. Most recently, she has authored a rosary devotional and the book, *Formed for Glory: The Catholic Vision of the Human Person*.

Jennifer currently resides in Denham Springs, Louisiana with her husband, Duffy, where they are members of Immaculate Conception Parish. You can learn more about Jennifer and Image & Gift Ministries at www.imageandgift.com.

Limited seating available

**Please call or text Carol at 985-320-0051 or email reservation to
womensprayerbreakfast24@gmail.com**

Please make reservations before September 26, 2026

Please call if cancelling your reservations

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The St. Margaret Ladies Auxiliary want to express sincere gratitude for your donations to their recent Seminarian School Supply Drive. Twenty-two seminarians each received a bag filled with your generosity! Please pray for these men as they continue their discernment and formation!

MY HOUSE IS ONE OF PRAYER

O God, O God, let all the nations praise you!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

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

Tina Allen, Louis Bartus, Coy Behler, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Carol Bates, Joyce Butler, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Kathleen Coleman, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Jimmy Giannobile, Wendy Gill, Lisa Goings, David Guillot, Hannah Guillotte, Joseph Hanewinkel, Joe Hanewinkel, III, Ann Hassenboughler, Tristian Harrison, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Randy Heitman, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Bill Hoover, Herbeth Howell, Suzanne Howze, Melanie Johnston, Trevor Kinchen, Frank Kovach, David Landeche, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, 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, Brittnay Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Elaine Taylor, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Barney Wall, Robert & Ashley Wheat, Lucy Whiddon, Dominick David Wright, Judy Wright, 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 **August 8/9, 2026**,
totaled:

\$12,897.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gather Hymnal Number 1149

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

"My house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples."

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul is called to bring
the good news to the Gentiles.

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus responds to the outsider Canaanite woman.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22/23, 2026

Isaiah 22:19-22

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

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 burning for
the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 15, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Karen Chemay, Shirley Darouse, Larry J. Evans,
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Cheryl Gaudet, Ricky Genre,
Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Alberta & Francis Kronlage,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Donna Laciura, Philip & Irene Leon,
Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Thelma Meridier, Gina & Adam Mocsary,
Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak,
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Amelie Oriol, Lynette Pfiffner,
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman,
William F. Sherman, Sr., MD and Micah Tregre

Sunday, August 16, 2026, 8:00AM Mass, St. Thomas Chapel

Jerry Adamcewicz, Vincent Deliberto, Sr., Lloyd Dominguez, Donivan Jones,
John LaGrange, David Landeche & Family, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Audrey Maduell,
Charlie Martin, and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, August 16, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, August 16, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Susan Hammett Brantley

Monday, August 17, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Kristen Miller

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Josh Tye

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Bernard)

George & Eric Navarre

Friday, August 21, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Pius X)

Cheryl Brothers

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*)



Do you know any college students attending Southeastern?

St. Albert the Great Catholic Student Center is your home away from home while at Southeastern. Whether you're new to campus or returning for another semester, we would be honored to welcome you! Here you'll find a welcoming community, opportunities to grow spiritually, and lasting friendships. We look forward to walking with you throughout your college journey!



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OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 16, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Monday, August 17, 2026

8:00AM—**Catholic Schoolhouse**, Hall of Saints

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

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

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

5:00PM—**Hospitality Ministers Mandatory Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

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

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

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

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

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

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

Thursday, August 20, 2026

8:00AM—**Food Distribution**, Church Campus

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

Friday, August 21, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, August 22, 2026

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



Fr. Kumar catching a ride with our volunteers.



Thank you, Food Distribution volunteers.