

THE

OCTOBER 3/4, 2026

PEW BUDDY

TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (A)

*"The stone the builder
rejected has become
the cornerstone."*

~Matthew 21:47



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The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

09 September 2026

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Baton Rouge:

The upcoming annual Continuing Formation Days for our priests are scheduled 05-08 October 2026. These days represent an important occasion for our priests' renewal and growth in intellectual and spiritual formation, emotional maturity, and physical well-being. Since these days are offered once a year and is a commitment by the diocese for their on-going formation, participation by our active priests is mandatory.

With the guidance of the Priests' Continuing Formation Committee, the site secured this year for these days is in Mobile, Alabama, and our parish priests will not be commuting back-and-forth to their parishes of assignment. Their temporary absence will affect certain regular pastoral ministries. In particular, the schedule of weekday Masses and possible times for funeral Masses may be impacted and adjusted in your parish during these Annual Formation Days. While this is a sacrifice, I consider this sacrifice worth making. Deacons can provide needed funeral rites, namely the vigil wake service, funeral without Mass, and rite of committal. If the local parish staff are unable to secure a deacon for this special funeral need, the parish staff may call the Office of the Vicar General (Fr. Jamin David) at 225.387.0561 for further assistance; Deacon Paul Soileau will assist with this coverage.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our priests with their ongoing formation renewal for ministry. I ask that you pray for our priests and our diocese during these days. I appreciate your affirmation and encouragement of our priests who give their lives for our diocese. May God be generous in leading us into the future with hope.

In Christ our Hope,

Most Reverend Michael G. Duca
Bishop of Baton Rouge

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

BLESSINGS OF THE PETS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the blessing of the pets this **Sunday, October 4, 2026**, at **12:30PM** between the Church and the Hall of Saints. Bring your cat, dog, turtle, bird, fish, rabbit, duck, hamster, snake, horse, goat, cow, chinchilla, guinea pig, lizard, gerbil, ferret, frog, pig, hermit crab, llama, etc. Father Kumar will welcome the animals and give them a special blessing (some of them need it, right!)

SAVE THE DATE - 2026 ST. MARGARET FALL FESTIVAL

This year's St. Margaret Festival Day is **Sunday, November 15, 2026**. The Fall Festival Committee is seeking donations for our Festival Auction. Your handiwork (woodwork, metalwork, fabric crafts, paintings, needlework, etc.) or talents (gardening, baking, handyman, updo styling, etc.) can raise funds for our church while also celebrating our diverse community! If you have a **NEW** item or a handmade item, or if you have a service you can provide, please contact Gina Little (504-237-7105 or glittle1985@gmail.com), even if it's not ready yet. If you are willing to help prepare and plan, also let us know.

CONFESSION & MASS NEWS

There will be no Confessions available on **Thursday, October 8, 2026**, and no Daily Mass on **Monday, October 5** through **Thursday, October 8, 2026**, due to mandatory priest continuing education. We will have Daily Mass on **Friday, October 9, 2026**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. One hour of silence with Jesus can surely change your life. *We are especially in need of committed adorers for the hour from 10:00AM until 11:00AM.* If you can commit to an hour weekly or need additional information, contact Gretchen Johnson at 225-921-4071 or at gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The St. Margaret Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for 8th through 11th grade youth. The 500 to 750 word typed essay topic is "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." Explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation. The winner of each grade level will receive a \$50 award from the Knights and higher awards for winners of each higher level of the contest up to \$500. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. For more information and to submit essays please contact Glenn Young at rgyoung2@bellsouth.net. Deadline to submit essays is **Thursday, November 5, 2026**.

HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The St. Margaret Knights of Columbus Council 10178 would like to thank everyone who supported them by purchasing tickets for their rotisserie chicken dinner. Your generosity allows this ministry, along with the KC Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary, to provide services to our church parish and community.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Attention Lectors! The 2027 Lector Workbooks are now available in the sacristy. Please pass by and pick yours up. Note your name is on the spine of your book. Thank you for proclaiming the Word at our Mass celebrations!

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBER

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of September, **Bradley Brumfield, Chase Stewart, and Reid Ruiz**. 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!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to our newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and family: **Abbie, Matthew and Parker LeSaicherre**. 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!



AVAILABLE TO A GOOD HOME

The parish office has two working printers to give away to anyone who would like to come by the office and take them. They are operational but require new toner cartridges. The make and model of the printers are Epson WorkForce WF-7720 and Hewlett Packard Color Laser Jet Pro M454dn. If you are interested, please come by and take them during our office hours.

GOD OF PEACE BE WITH YOU

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCIFUL HEALING

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

Tina Allen, Howard Balthaser & Family, Louis Bartus, Coy Behler, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Carol Bates, Joyce Butler, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Mary Ann France, Jimmy Giannobile, Wendy Gill, Lisa Goings, David Guillot, Hannah Guillotte, Todd Hagan, Joseph Hanewinkel, Joe Hanewinkel, III, Ann Hassenboughler, Tristian Harrison, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Randy Heitman, Brian Helmstetter, The Herbert Family, Marsha Hoffman, Bill Hoover, Paul Horrell, Herbeth Howell, Suzanne Howze, Carrol Istre, Melanie Johnston, Trevor Kinchen, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Mike Matherne, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Joseph Mocsary, Erica Montz, Evelyn Moreland, Fay Murray, Gunner Norman, Amelie Oriol, Meghan Page, Gasper Guy Palermo, Terry Parrino, June Catherine Peterson, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Wayne Poche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Kim Prokop, Lauren Rodriguez, Brooklyn Sansone, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Ricky Simoneaux, Mary Stabile, Judy Staub, 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
September 26/27, 2026,
totaled:

\$11,966.00.

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gather Hymnal Number 1170

Isaiah 5:1-7

God speaks judgement upon Israel.

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul consoles and advises
a persecuted community.

Matthew 21:33-43

A parable on responding to Jesus
and the kingdom of God.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10/11, 2026

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret Church is given in memory of
Dorothy & Joseph Hanewinkel, Sr. by Lucie & Joe Hanewinkel.

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Karen Chemay, Shirley Darouse, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,
Homer Gaspard, Mark Gaspard, Jr., Ricky Genre, Hilton Hoover,
Frank & Margaret Koles, Earline Kraemer, Alberta & Francis Kronlage,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Philip & Irene Leon, Ray & Connie Louviere,
Manina Family, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,
June Koles Olah, Timmy Patton, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, William F. Sherman, Sr., MD and Vito Tallia, Sr.

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 8:00AM Mass, St. Thomas Chapel

Jerry Adamcewicz, Fred Armand, Jr., Lloyd Dominguez, Robert Guidry, Sr.,
Donivan Jones, Paul Kluka, David Landeche & Family, Margie & Joe Liuzza,
Charlie Martin, Chucky Martin and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, October 5, 2026, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, NO Mass (Our Lady of the Rosary)

Thursday, October 8, 2026, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Friday, October 9, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Josh Tye

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **George Navarre** donated by Kim Navarre. 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday - 7:30AM-8:00PM
Concluding with Benediction
St. Margaret Church

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

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*)

OUR 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!

CONTACT US

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OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!
Coffee & Donut Ministry!

11:15AM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6)**, Hall of Saints
11:15AM—**PSR Reconciliation (Grade 6)**, St. Margaret Church
12:30PM—**Blessing of the Pets**, Church Grounds
6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grade 7)**, Hall of Saints
6:45PM—**High School Bible Study**, St. John Paul II Room

To send prayer intentions
to Fr. Paul, email:
Prayers4frpaul@gmail.com

Monday, October 5, 2026

NO 5:30PM Mass Today!

10:00AM—**St. Thomas Altar Society**, St. Thomas Chapel
5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—**Young Adult Book Study**, St. Margaret Room

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

NO 7:00AM Mass Today!

8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room
9:30AM—**Holy Spirit Bible Study**, St. Ignatius Room
5:00PM—**Ladies Auxiliary Bake Taste Contest**, St. Ignatius Room
6:30PM—**OCIC**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
6:30PM—**KC/Ladies Faith Formation**, St. Margaret Room
7:00PM—**Knights of Columbus Meeting**, St. Margaret Room
7:00PM—**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room



High School Youth Group fun!

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

NO 7:00AM Mass Today!

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
6:30PM—**OCIA**, Parish Hall
6:30PM—**OCIC**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Thursday, October 8, 2026

NO 7:00AM Mass Today!

NO Confessions Available Today!

6:00PM—**Fall Fest Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Friday, October 9, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Hope Fest at Our Lady of Hope!

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

FEED THE YOUTH!!

Our Youth Group is continually growing! Which means more mouths to feed. We recently changed the schedule, adjusting dinner to accommodate our high schoolers. We anticipate 15 or so kids each week. Please consider feeding our youth! Each meal is greatly appreciated! Contact Baleigh Henderson with any questions! bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com

