THE

NOVEMBER 14/15, 2026

PEW BUDDY

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



"Well done, my good and faithful servant."
~Matthew 25:21

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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!



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A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN FAITH, HOPE AND JOY

By Fr. Kumar Kolakani

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to reflect on the importance of faith, perseverance, and hope. As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings remind us that life is filled with challenges and uncertainties, but we should never lose confidence in God's presence and promises. Jesus encourages His disciples to remain steadfast: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives" (Luke 21:19).

These words remind us that our faith is not simply about what we believe during peaceful and comfortable moments; it is about remaining faithful even when life becomes difficult. Every act of kindness, every prayer, every sacrifice, and every effort to serve others becomes a beautiful expression of our faith. We are called to be people who bring hope, encouragement, and God's love into the lives of those around us.

This Sunday is especially joyful for our parish family as we come together to celebrate our **Fall Festival on November 15th!** A parish is more than a building, an organization, or a place where we attend Sunday Mass. It is a family of faith where we pray together, celebrate together, support one another, and grow together in Christ.

Our Fall Festival is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our bonds of friendship, welcome new families, appreciate our volunteers, and celebrate the blessings God has generously bestowed upon our community. Behind every successful parish celebration are countless hours of preparation, generous hearts, teamwork, and willing hands. I sincerely thank everyone who has contributed their time, talents, and resources to make this celebration possible.

As we enjoy the food, fellowship, activities, and festivities, let us remember that the greatest blessing of our parish is not what we organize or accomplish, but the love of Christ that unites us.

May this Fall Festival remind us that we are blessed to belong to one parish family. Let us continue building a community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, loved, and encouraged in faith.

May God bless St. Margaret Catholic Church, our families, our volunteers, and everyone who makes our parish a joyful home of faith!

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Kumar Kolakani
Parochial Vicar

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH



ADVENT WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION

Join the women of St. Margaret on **Monday, November 30, 2026**, at **6:45PM** for a night of reflection this Advent season. Our speaker, Lisa Veron, will share on the topic "Praying with Mary...With Open Hands and a Listening Heart". The event will take place in the St. Margaret Parish Hall. There is no cost to attend, but you must reserve your seats by calling Gloria at 419-348-9674. Seating is limited! You are welcome to reserve a table of 8 for a group of friends, family or ministry group. Hope to see you there!

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.

PSR CLASS SCHEDULE & PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

In celebration of the Feast of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, and Thanksgiving, there will be no PSR classes on **Sunday, November 15, 2026** or **Sunday, November 22, 2026**. PSR classes will resume on **Sunday, November 29, 2026**.

BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

Bethlehem Nativity Group will visit us this weekend to display hand-carved olive wood religious art made by Catholics in the Holy Land. Your purchase of these beautiful items will help support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem to continue to earn a living in the land of Christ's birth. Our company was created to help and support many Christian families and provide many projects for different churches in these areas. For more information, contact Khaled Jacoub, KHS at Bethlehem.nativity@yahoo.com or 713-292-6921.

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On **Sunday, November 22, 2026**, after the **10:00AM** Mass, please join the Knights of Columbus and Fr. Kumar for a Eucharistic procession in honor of Christ the King. The Solemnity of Christ the King is a celebration of Jesus Christ on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Catholics celebrate the Feast of Christ the King to express their faith to the public.

St. Margaret Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary
Memorial Mass 2026

This Mass is celebrated in loving memory of all our deceased members.
We appreciate your dedication, charity, time, works and love
for our parish and surrounding community.

Jim Aldredge
Don Bankston
James Barker
Ted Bennett
Carol Bordelon
Elizabeth Bordok
Louis Bordok
Philip Brabham
William Carr
Kirby Chatelain
Polly Chatelain
Karen Chemay
Theresa Christina
Ben Clary
Kevlin Coates
John Courouleau
Frances Dantin
William Dantin, III
James Darouse
Margaret Davenport
Charles DeMars
Clayton Drury
Mary Drury
Leo Dugas
Lela Mae Fontenot
Libby Fortenberry
Dcn. Warren Fortenberry
Charlie Fox
Rose Mary Fox
Libby Fisackerly
Robert Fisackerly, Jr.
Norman Frisbie
Pauline Frisbie
Ed Garro
Rose Mary Gascon
Tommy Gascon
Fred Gauthier
Rose Gauthier
Angelo Gendusa
Maurice "Mo" Gerhardt
Monsignor Leo Guillot
Walter Hakenjos
Hubert Higginbotham
John Huszar
Beryl Ivanyisky
Steve Ivanyisky
Carolyn Johnson
Sylvia Kinchen
Urban Kinchen
Steve Kluka
Louis Koleszar, Jr.
Alberta Kronlage
Francis Kronlage
Helen Kropog
John Kropog
Joseph Kropog
William Kropog
Henry Lacour, Jr.
Shirley Lacour
Vernon Landry, Jr.
John Langan
Dale Lorio
Gerald Maronge, Jr.
David Marshall
Charles "Charlie" Martin
Sallie Martin
Conrad Metz
Eugene Metz
Michael Michon
George Mocsary
Josie Mocsary
Dixie Moore
Harold Moore
Bill Moran
Frank Novak
Henry Novak
Frank Parrino
Lynette Pfiffner
Chuck Raborn, Sr.
Benny Randazzo
Marie Raquel Randazzo
Margaret Resetar
Michael Richard
Edmond Sarran, Sr.
Janet Sarran
Gill Scioneaux
Wiley Sharp
Walter Smith
Aaron Sziszak
Emil "Sonny" Sziszak
Rosie Sziszak
Joe Tantillo, Jr.
Anaise Touchard
Steve Vuljoin
Joan Wallace
John Wallace
Carlton Ware
Margie Watkins
Peter Watkins
Hance Westmoreland

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

WALK IN THE LORD'S WAYS

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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, Coy Behler, Cindy Brasington, Carol Bates, Joyce Butler, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Sal Faldetta, Jason Fischer, Mary Ann France, Lisa Goings, Hannah Guillotte, Todd Hagan, Joseph Hanewinkel, Joe Hanewinkel, III, Tristian Harrison, David Hanner, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Randy Heitman, Brian Helmstetter, The Herbert Family, Marsha Hoffman, Paul Horrell, Herbeth Howell, Carrol Istre, Melanie Johnston, Trevor Kinchen, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Gunner Norman, Amelie Oriol, Gasper Guy Palermo, June Catherine Peterson, Petit Family, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Eric Plauche, Steve Plauche, Marie Prine, Lauren Rodriguez, Brooklyn Sansone, Marian Shally, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Elaine Taylor, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Robert & Ashley Wheat, Lucy Whiddon, 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 **November 7/8, 2026,** totaled:

$12,304.50.

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

$3,389.00

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

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO GIVE...



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**.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 14, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Cayden & Jeremiah Amato, Oliver & Marinette Amato, Karen Chemay, Shirley Darouse, Joan Edwards, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Earline Kraemer, Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Irene M. Leon, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Ashley Rouse, Sansone Family, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, William F. Sherman, Sr., MD, Aaron Sziszak, Vito Tallia, Sr. and Jason Vassil

Sunday, November 15, 2026, 8:00AM Mass, St. Thomas Chapel

Fred Armand, Jr., Caleb Degenhardt, Lloyd Dominguez, Donivan Jones, Paul Kluka, John LaGrange, David Landeche & Family, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, November 15, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, November 15, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Susan Hammett Brantley

Monday, November 16, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Feast of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary)

Lynette Pfiffner

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 19, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, November 20, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Priests and Deacons

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 (*Parochial Vicar*)

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1188

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Advice to a king on a worthy life.
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Stay alert, for the day of the Lord will come.
Matthew 25:14-30
A parable on acting responsibly as we await the future.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 21/22, 2026
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Campaign for Human Development Special Collection!
Feast of St. Margaret Fall Festival!
Visit Bethlehem Nativity Group Outside of Church!

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

Monday, November 16, 2026

Happy Feast of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland!
8:00AM—**Catholic Schoolhouse**, Hall of Saints
1:00PM—**St. Faustina's Stitches**, St. Jean Vianney Room
5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room
5:30PM—**Catholic Daughters Rosary**, St. Margaret Room
6:00PM—**Catholic Daughters Meeting**, St. Margaret Room
6:30PM—**OCIC**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
6:30PM—**Respect Life Ministry**, St. Jean Vianney Room

Wednesday, November 18, 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
6:30PM—**OCIA**, Parish Hall
6:30PM—**OCIC**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Thursday, November 19, 2026

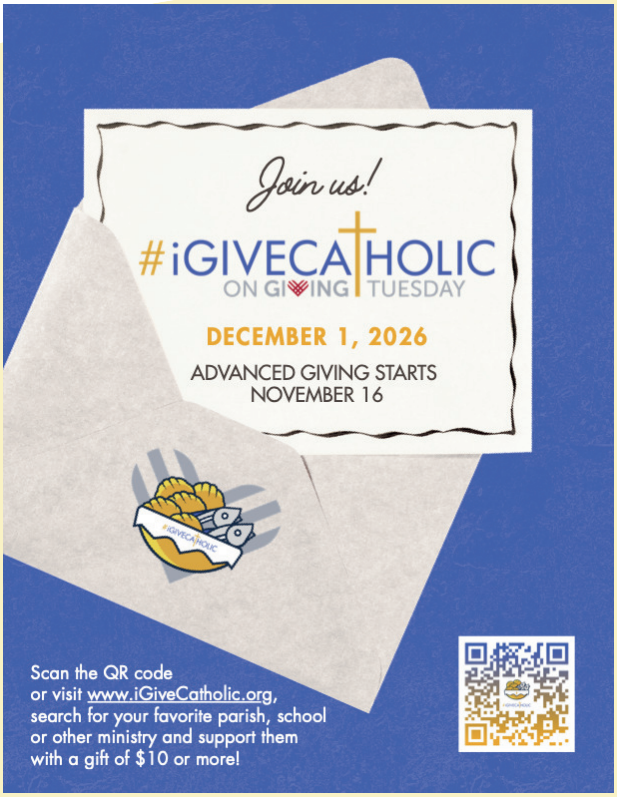
8:00AM—**Food Distribution**, Parish Grounds
4:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

Friday, November 20, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled for Today!

Saturday, November 21, 2026

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!
3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church
4:00PM—**KC & Ladies Memorial Mass**, St. Margaret Church



NOVEMBER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our next St. Margaret Food Distribution is **Thursday, November 19, 2026**, with pick-up from **8:30AM** until **10:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **11:00AM**. The Food Distribution now has another way to support people in need – It's a Prayer Circle. Volunteers meet in the Parish Hall after we sort the perishable food for Food Distribution. They usually meet around **8:15AM**. 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.