

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**December 15-16, 2018**

**Church Mailing Address:**

207 E. 5th Street

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**Confessions:**

St. Margaret Mary

Saturday 4:15

or by appointment

*Quotable:* "Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me."

~St. Augustine

**4th Sunday of Advent – December 22–23, 2018**

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Dec. 22 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Dec. 23 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Dec. 23 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Dec. 23 10:30 am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Jason Piper Tate Datweiler Robbie Landeck	James Mallaney Duane Ferris	Dennis O'Connor Dallas Ferris Jeff Steinke Jerry Ogrentz	Corey Eich Nick Zerebny Chad Schoolman Darren Lovell
<b>Lector</b>	Jackie Eberle	Cindy Gagnon	Brett Miller	Steve Jacob
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Mariann Lane	Marilyn Pfeiffer	Todd Mesewicz	Megan Splear
<b>Servers</b>			Dylan Miller	Zeke Torres

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, Dec. 17, 2018**

8:00 am +Richard Kelch (Jackie Eberle) (SMM)

**Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018**

8:00 am +Rose Renville (Ronald & Roberta Renville) (SH)

**Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018**

8:00 am +Ruth Martin (Dennis & Diane Martin) (SJ)

**Friday, Dec. 21, 2018**

8:00 am +Agnes Fleischauer ( Her Family) (SMM)

**Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018**

5:00 pm For All the Parishes (SM)

**Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018**

7:30 am +Susan Soucie (Dennis Wilking)

+ Rusty Denault (Dr. Waldschmidt) (SH)

9:00 am +Vicki Hensley (Geri Tobenski)

+ Sondra Hertz (Ann Fleming) (SJ)

10:30am +Cindy Frerichs (Mike & Sheryl Scanlon)

+ Kim Schott (Steve & Debbie Scanlon)

**A Look Ahead**

Sun., Dec. 16—SJ Christmas Pageant and Raffle

Sun., Dec. 16—Confirmation Class 11:30-1:30 SMM

Sun., Dec. 16—Church decorating at SMM after 10:30 mass

Mon., Dec. 17—SH Parish Council 7pm in parish hall

Wed., Dec. 19—Confession beginning at 7 pm SMM

Sat., Dec. 29—NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Tues., Jan. 1- Mass at St. James changed to 10 am

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St. Margaret Mary – Stacie Powers – 426-2550

St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443

Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669

### Sunday Collections December 8-9, 2018

St. Margaret Mary -	\$2,236	Retired Priests	\$439
St. James -	\$1,425	Retired Priests	\$618
Sacred Heart -	\$ 1,094	Retired Priests	\$416

#### Immaculate Conception Offering:

St. Margaret Mary	\$324	St. James	\$304.75
Sacred Heart	\$150		

Thank you for your generosity

### ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ **NOTICE—THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS AT ST. MARGARET MARY ON DECEMBER 29. ALSO, THE MASS TIME FOR JAN. 1 AT ST. JAMES HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 10AM.**
- ◆ Due to the cold and flu season beginning, we will only be distributing the Body of Christ during Communion time until further notice.
- ◆ Confessions will be heard on Wednesday, December 19 beginning at 7:00pm.
- ◆ Please remember that if you are borrowing things like tables, chairs, coffee pots, etc. from any of the churches, it must go through the office. Thank you for your help with this.
- ◆ All ministries—Please notify the office if you will be gone, especially for an extended time so the monthly ministries schedule can be adjusted.

### Parish News:

- ◆ There will be an informational meeting on the planned solar farm behind Sacred Heart Church Sunday, Dec.16 following Mass in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.
- ◆ Sacred Heart—Thank you to all who helped with the Breakfast with Santa. It was a great success. A special thank you to Santa for making an appearance.

#### St. Margaret Mary—

- ◆ Choir practice for Christmas Eve Mass will be on Tuesday, December 18 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- ◆ Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Sun., Dec. 16 after the 10:30 am mass. Please plan on joining us as many hands make for faster/lighter work.
- ◆ Volunteers are still needed at St. Margaret Mary's to keep our sidewalks cleared. Please sign up in the back of the church or call the parish office if you can help.


#### St. James-

- ◆ CCW women—we are still accepting gift cards for our "tree" for the Christmas Pageant Breakfast. Give to Reatta or Martha by Sunday, Dec.16.



Sympathy and prayers to the family of Patricia Denault. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Dennis White.



**A Prayer for  
the Third Sunday of  
ADVENT**

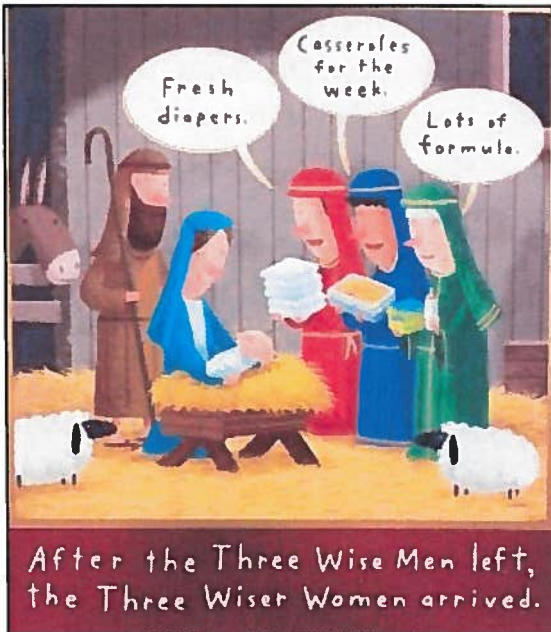
Jesus, you will come among us once again to give us your very life. May your life's gift inspire us to make our lives a gift to you, over and over again. Amen.

Don't forget to pick up your box of envelopes in the back of the church. If you don't see your box, please call the church office.



## Stewardship Notes—Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent, “Gaudete Sunday” from the Latin for “Sunday to Rejoice,” marks the midpoint of Advent when the vestments can be a little lighter and the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit. The joy of this Sunday comes from appreciating the fact that our Christmas doesn’t have to be picture-perfect to be truly Christmas. Christ can come to us in our imperfection.



## Happening Around Us:

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# Advent Mass

“TAKE TIME TO PONDER”  
December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
in the Chapel at the BMCS Kankakee Site  
Light refreshments to follow

### Catholic Charities’ Manteno Counseling Office

Counseling services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet are available on Monday afternoons at 698 N Locust (US RT 50) in Manteno (in the Manteno Church of the Nazarene). There are immediate openings to see clients with Medicaid.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services provides outpatient counseling. Individual, group, family, and couples therapy are offered, in addition to specialized services such as anger management groups and preventative education programs. To make an appointment, call 800-723-0331. To learn more about Catholic Charities, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).



The Tri-Parish Youth Ministry spent Saturday morning shopping for a local family of 7 on December 8. The youth were super shoppers and bought lots of great presents and even had enough left over for a Walmart gift card for Christmas dinner!! Thanks to all who donated their treasure as well as their time to help drive and chaperone! Special thanks to the Herscher Foundation for their support!

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