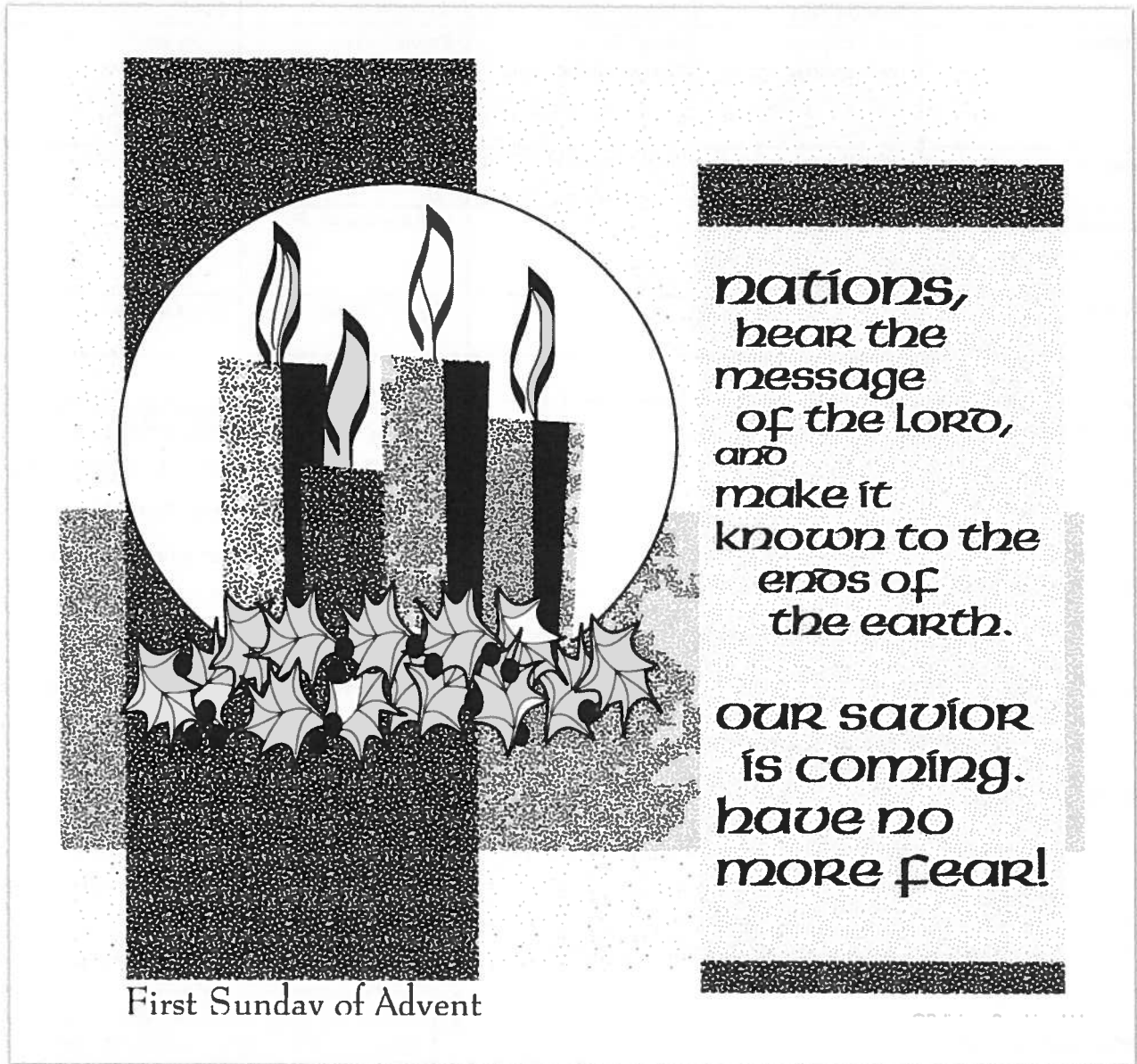


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin**



*nations,
hear the
message
of the lord,
and
make it
known to the
ends of
the earth.*

*our savior
is coming.
have no
more fear!*

First Sunday of Advent

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1-2, 2018

Church Mailing Address:

207 E. 5th Street

Herscher, IL 60941

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary

Saturday 4:15

*Quotable: "Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus."
~Neal A Maxwell*

2nd Sunday of Advent – December 8–9, 2018

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Dec. 8 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Dec. 9 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Dec. 9 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Dec. 9 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Dave Emling Todd Datweiler Robbie Landeck	Daryl Ferris Duane Ferris	Dallas Ferris Jeff Steinke Jerry Ogrentz Todd Mesewicz	Chad Schoolman Darren Lovell Conner Settles Erik Wheeler
Lector	Dave Emling	Mark May	Craig Frerichs	Corinn Wheeler
Communion Ministers	Ellen Emling		Natalie Mesewicz	Susan Feller
Servers			Hannah Reese	Kayla Scanlon

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Dec. 3, 2018

8:00 am +Sterling Bouchard (Jackie Eberle) (SMM)

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018

8:00 am +Rusty Denault (Jeff & Kathleen Downey) (SH)

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018

8:00 am +Lester Offerman (Catherine Dumas) (SJ)

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018

8:00 am +Babe Clodi (SMM)

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018

7:00 pm Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018

5:00 pm Sr. Joseph Marie (Pat Wagner)

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

7:30 am +Carson Cross (Don & Barb St. Germaine)

9:00 am +Alex O'Connor (Tom, Gene, & Kathy O'Connor)
+ Ronnie Ogrentz (Rita Thiesen) (SJ)

10:30am For All the Parish Families (SMM)

A Look Ahead

- Tues., Dec. 4—Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
- Dec. 4— SH CCW Christmas Party Herscher Restaurant 6pm
- Wed., Dec. 5— SJ Women's Christmas Party
- Fri., Dec. 7— 1st Friday Adoration noon-6:45 pm SJ
- Fri., Dec. 7— Mass Immaculate Conception 7 pm SJ
- Dec. 8-9—2nd collection for Priests' Retirement Fund
- Sat., Dec. 8— Youth Ministry Christmas Shopping /Lunch
- Mon., Dec. 10— St. James Church cleaning / decorating for Christmas
- Wed., Dec. 12—Confirmation Class 7-9 at SJ
- Fri., Dec. 14— Herscher Christmas Parade—SMM providing hot chocolate and cookies
- Mon., Dec. 17—SH Parish Council 7pm in parish hall

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Sacred Heart - Rhonda Berns - 935-8669
Parish Nurse - Jackie Eberle - 815-421-4048

Sunday Collections November 23-24, 2018

St. Margaret Mary -	\$2,227.
St. James -	\$1,239
Sacred Heart -	\$1,185

*Thank
You*

ALL PARISHES-

- All women of the three parishes are invited to attend the CCW Deanery event *Joy in January* at the Kankakee Country Club on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 11am. There is a sign up sheet in the back of each parish. Come and enjoy a relaxing time with other Catholic women from the Kankakee area.

St. James— Signup by Sunday, December 9

Sacred Heart— Must be signed up and have paid Laurie Palinski \$15 by Dec. 12. Call 815-937-0036 for more information

St. Margaret Mary—Cost is \$25. Please sign up by Sunday, Dec. 9. Checks made out to SMM CCW and dropped into the collection baskets.

- ◆ Due to the cold and flu season beginning, we will only be distributing the Body of Christ during Communion time until further notice beginning December 1.
- ◆ All ministries—Please notify the office if you will be gone, especially for an extended time so the monthly

First Friday Adoration and Benediction for December will be held at St. James from 12 noon until the holy day mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 7 at 7 pm.



Help!!! Winter appears to be upon us! Volunteers are still needed at St. Margaret Mary to keep our sidewalks cleared. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or call the church office at 815-426-2550.



Our deepest sympathy to Christi Landeck and family on the death of her father, Vern Kochel. May he rest in God's Eternal Peace.

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Parish News:

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ SH CCW will be sponsoring a bake sale at the Salina Fire Dept. breakfast in Bonfield on Sun., Dec. 2.
- ◆ Sacred Heart CCW is having their Christmas Party on Tues., Dec. 4 at 6pm at the Herscher Restaurant. **Please sign the paper** on the bulletin board in back of the church.
- ◆ Something new is coming for Christmas! **Breakfast with Santa** will be after 7:30am mass on Sun., Dec 9. Bring your kids and grandkids. Santa arrives a little after 9 am. **Sign up on the bulletin board**, so Santa will have “goody bags” for the children. Breakfast will include ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, rolls, donuts, fruit, juice and coffee. There is no charge for breakfast. .

St. Margaret Mary—

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Spread some holiday cheer at the Christmas parade on December 14 at 5:30. Come to serve hot chocolate and cookies to parade goers. If you would like to donate cookies for that night., please have them at the church basement by 4 pm on the 14th.
- ◆ We are hosting an Angel Tree for the Salvation Army from Nov. 22 – Dec. 9. The tags on the tree have suggestions of toys to purchase. You may purchase any or all of these suggestions. Please have the unwrapped gifts placed under the tree by Dec. 9. Thank you!

St. James-

- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the St. James Women's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 5th at 6pm. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share.
- ◆ The Religious Ed. Classes are accepting donations for their basket raffle. Donations must be in by Dec. 9. The raffle will be held on Dec. 16 at the Christmas Pageant.

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

Advent is Coming!

Advent small groups have started and will run through December 20. There are three times/days opportunities for you to join. You are still welcome to join us at any of the sessions! Extra journals are in the back of each church.

- Tuesdays at Sacred Heart 7-8:15pm
- Wednesdays at St. James 8:45-10am
- Thursdays at St. Margaret Mary 7-8:15 pm

Prepare yourself for Christmas!



Give the Gift of Life! Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, December 4 in the St. James Parish Hall from 3:00-7:00 pm. Call 815-861-9634 for an appointment. **There's no better way to kick off the season of giving than to give the gift of life!**



Mark your calendars for this year's **Spirit of Starfish** event at the Quality Inn in Bradley on Thursday, December 6 from 4 to 7pm. Come and purchase a gift to be given to a foster child in Kankakee County. We do the shopping, all you have to do is come, pick a gift out, purchase it, and we will deliver it to a foster child. This year we have over 190 children in our system to receive a gift. We hope you can attend and give a little joy during this holiday season.

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Youth Ministry Service Opportunity

Saturday, December 8 9 am—1 pm

Our jr. high and high school youth will be shopping for Christmas presents for a local family in need. Following the gift buying, we will have lunch together. All junior high and high school students are invited. We are also looking for adult chaperones. Please contact Stacie Powers if you are interested in attending.



Spread some Christmas joy!

Happening Around Us:

72nd Annual St. George Stag & Fish Fry
Friday, December 7, 2018 St. George Hall
Serving 6pm-11pm Donations—\$9

Door Prizes Raffles

You're invited

Stories of the Season

This season can be a difficult time for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Please join us for an evening of reminiscing, sharing memories, and learning healthy coping skills for dealing with grief during the holidays.



Thursday, December 6

5:30—8:00 pm

United Church of Christ
1045 W. River St. Kankakee

A family-style dinner will be served and everyone will be invited to make a memory ornament to keep in honor of their loved one. Families are welcome to attend. We will have age appropriate activities for children available.

We request your RSVP by December 3 so supplies can be purchased.