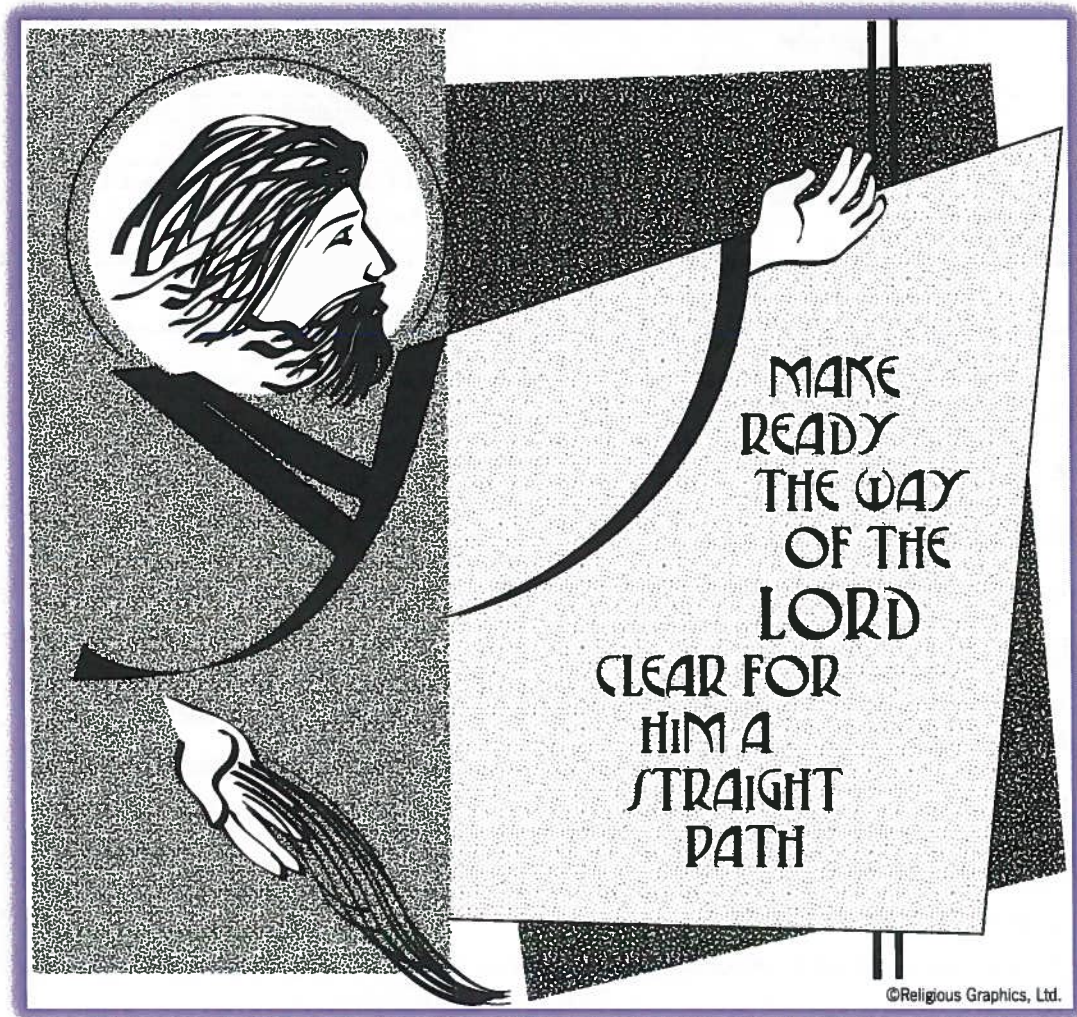


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8-9, 2018

Church Mailing Address:

207 E. 5th Street

Herscher, IL 60941

Phone: 815-426-2550

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary

Saturday 4:15

or by appointment

Quotable: "The season of Advent restores a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! Let us think about and feel this beauty."
 ~Pope Francis

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 15–16, 2018

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Dec. 15 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Dec. 16 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Dec. 16 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Dec. 16 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Jason Piper Todd Datweiler Gery Wright	Dale Pfeiffer Dennis Pankey	Arlen Hansen Dallas Ferris Rick White Bee Papineau	Jeff Long Joe Smolkovich Larry Wolles Jeremy Wolles
Lector	Rob Landeck	Terri Weakley	Dave Ladehoff	Diane Long
Communion Ministers	Gayle Landeck		Vic Carlile Cheryl Carlile	Diane Long
Servers			Brenna Able	Jacob Ciarrocchi

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—NO MASS

Friday, Dec. 14, 2018

8:00 am +Lavern Denault (Tom Denault Family) (SMM)

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018

5:00 pm +John Brown (Herscher Chamber of Commerce)
 +Bob Deany (Bill & Betty Kelch) (SMM)

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018

7:30 am +Daah Noonan Franey (Norm & Sharon Riordan) (SH)

9:00 am +Gerald O'Connor (Leola Ader)
 + Sondra Hertz (nieces/nephew Kissack Family) (SJ)

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

A Look Ahead

- Dec. 8-9—2nd collection for Priests' Retirement Fund
- Mon., Dec. 10— St. James Church cleaning / decorating for Christmas
- Wed., Dec. 12—Confirmation Class 7-9 at SJ
- Thurs., Dec. 13—Pageant Dress Rehearsal SJ
- Fri., Dec. 14— Herscher Christmas Parade—SMM providing hot chocolate and cookies
- 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

ADVENT PRAYER
Time of Hope
 Week 2 of 4
 ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL
 GOD, MAY NO EARTHLY
 UNDERTAKING HINDER THOSE
 WHO SET OUT IN HASTE TO
 MEET YOUR SON, BUT MAY
 OUR LEARNING OF HEAVENLY
 WISDOM GAIN US ADMITTANCE
 TO HIS COMPANY, WHO LIVES
 AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE
 UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
 ONE GOD, FOR EVER
 AND EVER.
 AMEN.
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 St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443
 Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669

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Sunday Collections December 1-2, 2018

St. Margaret Mary -	\$2,446.75	Flowers - \$433
St. James -	\$1,607.26	Flowers - \$421
Sacred Heart -	\$1,329	Flowers - \$160

Thank you for your generosity

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. Members pay \$13, the CCW will pay the additional \$12

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.
- ◆ 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.

Parish News:

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ If you baked, wrapped, sold, or purchased goodies at the CCW bake sale held December 2 at Salina Fire Department, the CCW ladies would like to thank you for your support. The bake sale was a great success. Also, thank you to the Salina Fire Department for letting us participate.

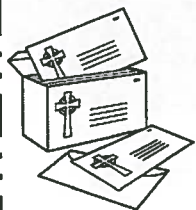
St. Margaret Mary—



- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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—

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ CCW women—we are still accepting gift cards for our "tree" for the Christmas Pageant Breakfast. Give to Reatta or Martha by next Sunday, Dec.16.
- ◆ St. James church cleaning and decorating for Christmas is this Monday, December 10 at 6 pm. Many hands make light work.
- ◆ Thank you to those who contributed to Jillian Jackubowski's mission trip. Donations totaled \$632.



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.

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!



2018 Status for CMAA

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
St. MM	\$10,600	\$11,618	\$11,468
St. James	\$6,800	\$6,505	\$6,505
Sacred Heart	\$6,000	\$6,075	\$6,025
Rebates:			
St. MM	\$607		
St. James	0		
Sacred Heart	\$18		



We had a great evening sharing a meal and creating personalized advent wreaths at St. Margaret Mary's Family Night!