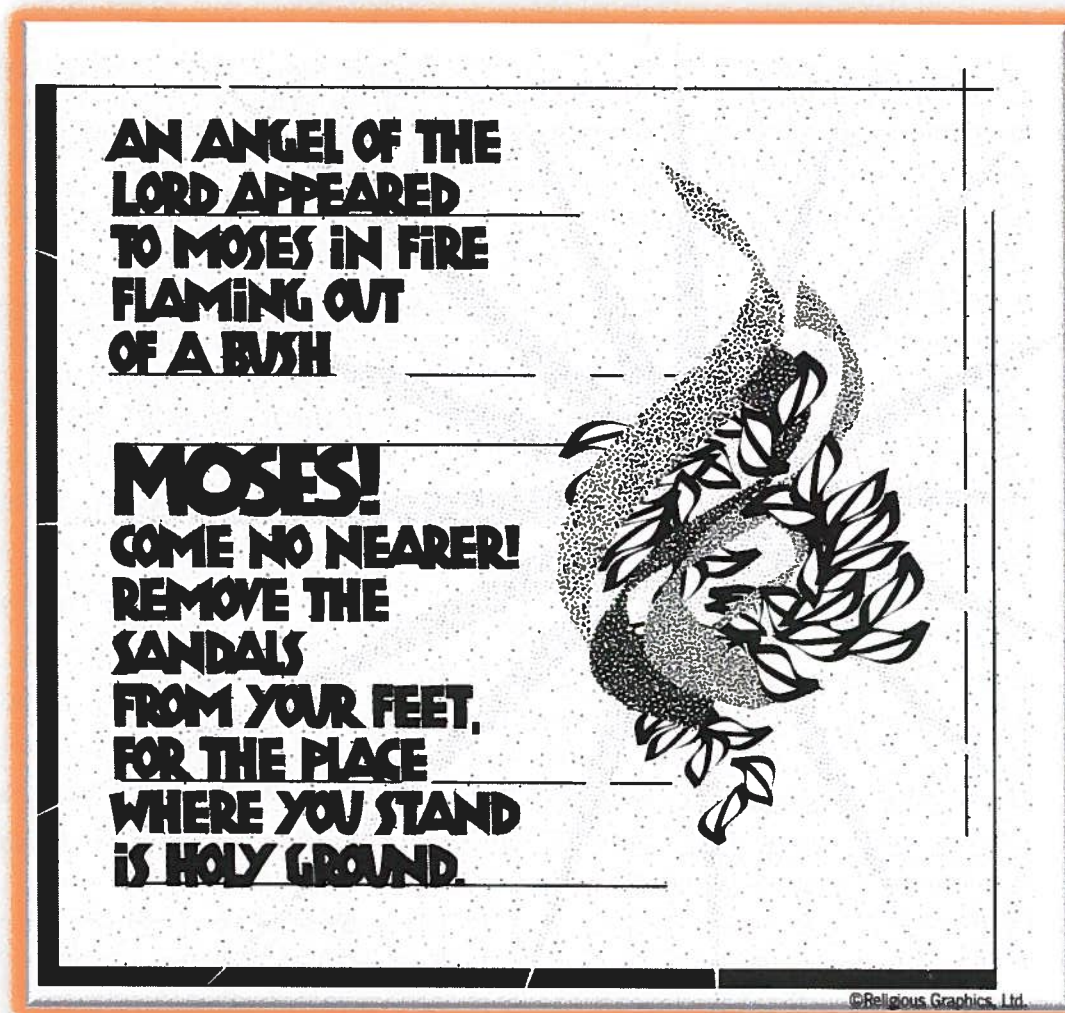


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**March 23-24, 2019**

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: "At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply." ~ Pope Francis*

**4th Sunday of Lent – March 30-31, 2019**

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, March 30 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, March 31 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, March 31 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, March 31 10:30 am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Jason Piper Todd Datweiler Gery Wright	Daryl Ferris Duane Ferris	Rick White Todd Mesewicz Dallas Ferris Bee Papineau	Corey Eich Larry Wolles Jeremy Wolles Erik Wheeler
<b>Lector</b>	Bobbi Buza	Darlene Cipcich	Brett Miller	Julie Splear
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Cathy Wright		Jonathan Wood Liz Frerichs	Lynda Wolles
<b>Servers</b>	Xander Buza		Ayla Summers	Garrett Smolkovich

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 25, 2019**

8:00 am + Jack Jacob (John Ryan Family) (SMM)

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

8:00 am +Rose Renville (Terri & Jerry Weakley) (SH)

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

8:00 am + Lavern Morrival (Ronald & George Ann Kuhlman)

+Vicki Hensley (Larry & Janice O'Connor) (SJ)

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

8:00 am +Tom Denault (Jack & Judy Swanson)

+Geneva Koerner (Jackie Eberle) (SMM)

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

5:00 pm +JR Matern (Mariann Lane)

+Gary Matern (Emma King) (SMM)

**Sunday, March 31, 2019**

7:30 am +Don St. Germaine Sr. (St. Germaine Family)

+Dolores Fitch (Terri & Jerry Weakley) (SH)

9:00 am +Leonard Papineau (Jerry & Mary O'Connor)

+Joan Smith (June Martin) (SJ)

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

**A Look Ahead**

Sun., March 24—No Religious Ed at SMM or SJ

Sun., March 24—RCIA after 10:30 am Mass SMM

Mon., March 25—Knights of Columbus 7 pm at SJ

Fri., March 29—Stations of the Cross 3 pm at SJ

Fri., March 29—Lenten Pilgrimage

Mon., Apr. 1—SMM Parish Council 7 pm

Fri., April 5—Adoration at SH 9am—5pm

Sun., April 14—St. James CCW Meeting after 9am Mass

Sun., April 14—Confirmation Class 11:30-1:30 SMM

Pastor: Fr. Allam - 815-426-2153 Cell – 630-253-3444

Deacon – Ron Gagnon—rjgckg@gmail.com

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Julie Bisailon 426-2550

Tri Parish Faith Formation – Stacie Powers –426-2550

Bulletin – Debbie Jensen - 426-2550 debjen04@gmail.com

RE Coordinators –

St. Margaret Mary – Stacie Powers – 426-2550

St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443

Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669

Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048

Prayer Line–

SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreefarms@aol.com

St. James— Mary Offerman—602-670-8888 (call or text)

Sacred Heart—

### Sunday Collections

March 16-17, 2019

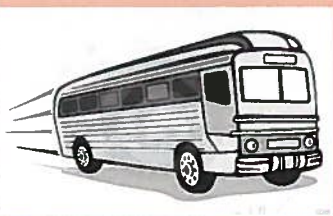
St. Margaret Mary -	\$ 2,607	Easter Flowers	\$355
St. James -	\$ 1,073	Easter Flowers	\$378
Sacred Heart -	\$1,017	Easter Flowers	\$215

Thank you for your generosity

#### ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Herscher Council of Churches is sponsoring a senior luncheon on March 27th at 11:00 am at Harvestview Senior Living. It will be a free will donation. Please call Jackie at 815-421-4048 if planning on attending.
- ◆ Do you know a current high school senior in our parishes who has demonstrated outstanding Christian service? Each of our parishes CCWs are able to nominate 1 young man or woman for the Father John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award. Please contact your CCW president for more information.
- ◆ Thank you to our parishioners who have already pledged their support to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. If you are still prayerfully reflecting on your gift, please remember that every contribution, is welcome and appreciated. If we all participate, we can meet our parish goal and help support the 30 ministries the CMAA supports.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 3 pm at St. James each Friday of Lent.

**Still Seats left!** Let's take a journey together to the Shrine of the Christ's Passion. Walk through the life size statues of Christ's Passion and enjoy fellowship and lunch for only \$10 / \$20 for families. Sign up online at [triparishcatholics.org](http://triparishcatholics.org) or on the sheets in the vestibules



at each parish. Leaving at 9:00 am. Contact Stacie Powers 815-426-2550 with questions.

### Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- \* Thank you to everyone who donated, cooked, cleaned up, and attended our Night in Italy. What a great night!

Sacred Heart—

- \* Congratulations to Shirley St. Germaine of Bonfield. Shirley has been named the 2019 Woman of the Year by Sacred Heart Church CCW. Shirley will be honored at a Mass celebrated by Reverend Sebehar at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Saturday, April 27. Shirley and CCW President Terri Weakley will be attending along with all the Women of the Year and all CCW Presidents for the diocese.

St. James—

- \* During the Lenten Season, St. James Parish is collecting toiletries for needy children, teens, and adults in the Kankakee area. Tooth brushes and toothpaste are especially needed, but other items such as shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, sanitizer, etc. are also welcome. All items must be TRAVEL SIZE and toothbrushes must be individually wrapped.



**Genesis to Jesus Beyond Sunday Small Groups** There is still time to join! Can't make it to the times scheduled? You can watch & complete the study on your own at [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)

Contact Stacie for a free workbook. 815-426-2550  
Mondays 8:45—10:00 am at SMM  
Tuesdays 7:00—8:15 pm at SMM  
Wednesdays 8:45—10:00 am at St. James

**A Stewardship Moment—** In today's Gospel, Jesus offers his parable about last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to "bear fruit" for God and neighbor. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? The answer requires some urgency.

Mark  
your  
calendar



# LIFE ADVOCACY DAY

Wednesday, April 3, 2019



Capitol Building - Springfield, IL

Diocese of Joliet  
Respect Life Ministry  
prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org  
(815) 221-6251



## HAPPENING AROUND US:

**SPRING FLING DINNER, DANCE AND BASKET AUCTION!**

Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church CCW

Saturday, April 6                      Chebanse Civic Center

Dinner from Honey's Catering              Must be 21 or older

6:00 pm    Cash Bar / Basket Auction

6:30 pm    Dinner              7 pm—10pm Dancing to The Fairchilds

Tickets \$20    Call Bridget Berggren 815-685-6339 for tickets or more information

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### Money Management Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities' Money Management Program is seeking volunteers in Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois, and Will Counties. This program assists low income older persons who have difficulty

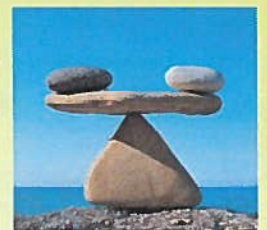
managing their personal household financial matters.

As a trained volunteer, you will be matched with older persons who need help with tasks such as organizing bills, writing checks, balancing a checkbook, intervening with creditors and completing medical forms. Necessary skills include comfort with balancing a checkbook to the penny, personal strengths in attention to detail and organization are desired, as is the ability to advocate for assigned clients. Pre-service training is provided, a background check is required.

To learn more about this opportunity, please call 815-523-9921. for more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, please visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org)

## Do you have concerns about falling?

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is offering A MATTER OF BALANCE, an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.



### PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN TO:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone concerned about falls
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, & strength
- Anyone who has fallen in the past
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Classes on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am—12:00 pm at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church Herscher

Dates: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21,

Program is FREE and available to anyone ages 60 and older! For

more information and to register, please call Amanda at 815-523-9918. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit [Catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://Catholiccharitiesjoliet.org)

# Diocese of Joliet

## Office of the Bishop



Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd.  
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org)

Hello, I am Bishop Daniel Conlon, your bishop in the Diocese of Joliet. I would like to share an important message with you.

The State of Illinois is currently facing a crisis far greater than anything economic. It is truly a matter of life and death.

Legislation is being considered in the Illinois General Assembly that would permit abortion any time during pregnancy, right up to the moment of natural birth. All nine months! An abortion could be performed by medical personnel other than doctors.

Parental notification, when the mother is a minor, would be eliminated. Killing a fetus in the mother's womb through an act of violence would no longer be considered a crime. Abortion would be defined as a fundamental right, and the Abortion Performance Refusal Act would be repealed, meaning that rights of conscience, especially religious objections, refusing to cooperate with abortions will be lost.

We all know that premature babies are born every day. They go on to lead full and healthy lives. Yet the legislation being considered in Springfield would treat a baby, even ten minutes before a normal birth, as nothing.

I need your help in convincing our elected officials that this proposed legislation is just plain wrong. Your parish bulletin and the Diocese of Joliet website provides information to help you contact your own Senators and Representatives. Encourage others to do the same. Human lives depend on it.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a courageous critic of Nazism, wrote: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak."

God bless you.

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# DIOCESE OF JOLIET LIFE ADVOCACY DAY

Please join the  
Office for Human Dignity ~ Respect Life Ministry  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**  
**At the Capitol Building in Springfield**  
**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

### Schedule of the Day:

- 10:00 AM – Briefing at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 60703
- 10:30 AM – Lobby with Legislators
- 1:00 PM – Lunch Provided at Cathedral of Immaculate Conception School in Cafeteria, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 60703
- 2:00 PM – Depart Springfield to return home

### REGISTRATION FORM

To register online visit: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/)

Please choose your departing location:

Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill  
(Bus departure time approximately 6:45 AM)

Corpus Christi Parish, 1415 W. Lies Road, Carol Stream  
(Bus departure time approximately 5:45 AM)

Cost per person \$10.00. Make checks payable to "Diocese of Joliet", and mail to Diocese of Joliet, Attention Respect Life Ministry, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to be added to our email list

Please check:

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend the Diocese of Joliet, its officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives from any and all liability for illness or death arising from or in connection with my participation on this trip

*In event that I should require medical treatment and I am not able to communicate my desires to attending physicians or other medical personnel, I give permission for the necessary emergency treatment to be administered. I understand that I or my insurance company will be responsible for any charges incurred.*

**Please register by Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**Consider fasting on Wednesday, April 3, to join in solidarity with those from our diocese who will be traveling to Springfield.**

### Prayer for Life Advocacy Day

Gracious and merciful God, we ask that you send your Spirit among us to guide us and direct us in order to inspire all of our political leaders to advance the culture of life in their duty to uphold the common good for all the people they serve. You sent your Son Jesus to teach us how to pray, how to serve you in obedience and how to be the people you are calling us to be. You inspire us each and every day to appreciate the gifts you bestow upon us and to use them to change the hearts and minds of all people. The most precious gift you have given us is the gift of life and you call us to be good stewards of all our creation. Help us to cultivate a spirit of prayer and of reconciliation for the lack of due diligence in protecting the most vulnerable among us; the children who are forgotten, abandoned and thought of as an inconvenience to the welfare of societies. Inspire all those in public office to protect the dignity of the unborn and those who are living who are deemed unfit to receive our care. Help us to receive your wisdom so that we may know how best to serve you and your people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

We ask the faithful of the Diocese of Joliet to pray this prayer daily.

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This advocacy campaign is part of a larger effort by all the dioceses in Illinois, and is coordinated by the Catholic Conference of Illinois.