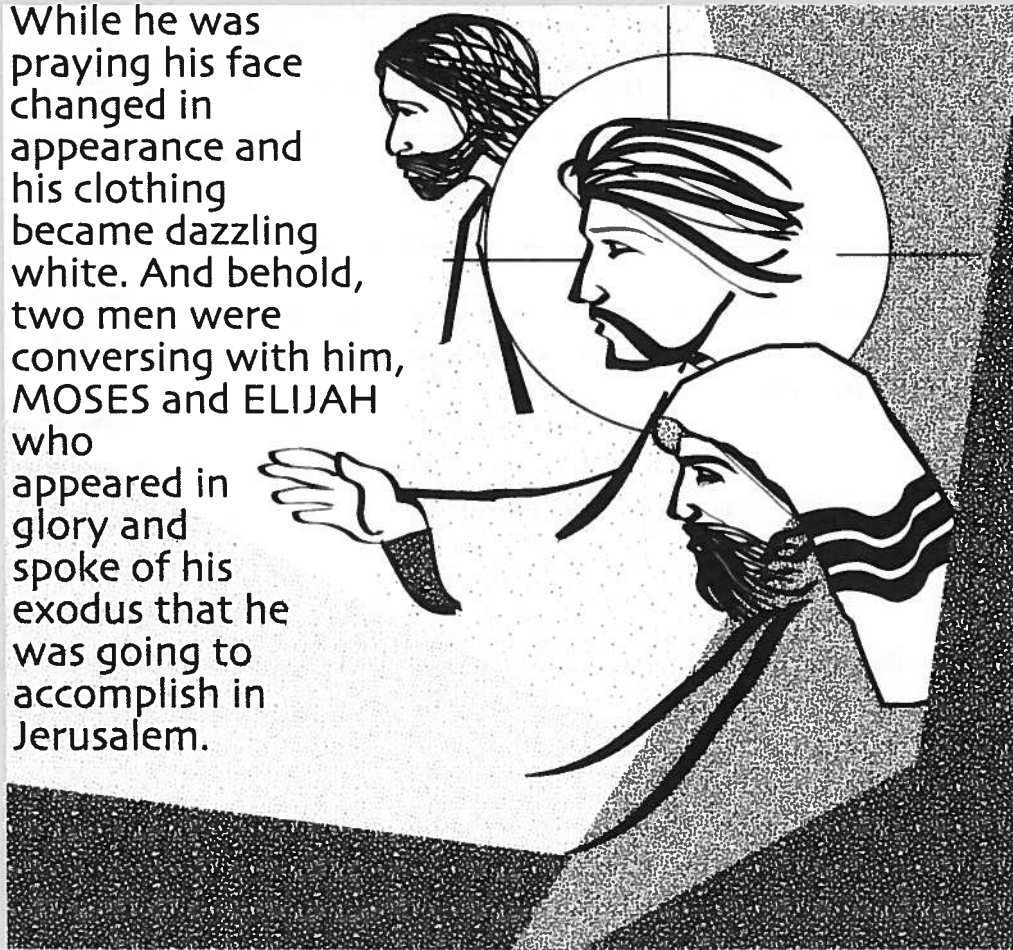


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, MOSES and ELIJAH who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.



**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**March 16-17-, 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:*

### 3rd Sunday of Lent – March 23-24, 2019

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, March 23 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, March 24 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, March 24 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, March 24 10:30 am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Gery Wright Robbie Landeck Roger Jensen	James Mallaney Kyle Ferris	Rick White Jerry Ogrentz Jeff Steinke Arlen Hansen	Steve Hertz Chad Schoolman Joe Smolkovich Darren Lovell
<b>Lector</b>	Dave Emling	Cindy Gagnon	Craig Frerichs	Diane Long
<b>Communion Ministers</b>			Donna Bernicky	
<b>Servers</b>			Dylan Miller	Kayla Scanlon Ainsley Forbes

#### A Look Ahead

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

##### Monday, March 18, 2019

8:00 am + Denise Jepsen Blake (John & Jane Andrzejewski)  
(SMM)

##### Tuesday, March 19, 2019

8:00 am +Rev. Paul Bittner (Mark & Roxanna May) (SH)

##### Wednesday, March 20, 2019

8:00 am +Mark Gray (Pat Gray) (SJ)

##### Friday, March 22, 2019

8:00 am +Alvina "Babe" Clodi (SMM)

##### Saturday, March 23, 2019

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family (SMM)

##### Sunday, March 24, 2019

7:30 am +Carson Cross (Monica Ruder)

+Raymond Berns (Joe & Rhonda Berns) (SH)

9:00 am +Floyd Tobenski (Geri Tobenski)

+Fred Gohlke (St. John XXII Catholic School) (SJ)

10:30am +Bob Deany (Mary & Damien Denault)

+Bill Fritz (Cathy & Gery Wright) SMM

#### A Look Ahead

Sun., March 17—1st Communion Parent Meeting

Thurs., March 21—Night of Italy SMM

Fri., March 22—Stations of the Cross SJ 3:00pm

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

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

Fri., March 29—Lenten Pilgrimage

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

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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  
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SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreefarms@aol.com  
St. James— Mary Offerman-602-670-8888 (call or text)  
Sacred Heart—

## Sunday Collections

March 9-10, 2019

St. Margaret Mary -	\$ 1,652.75	2nd Coll.—\$250
St. James -	\$ 1,221	2nd Coll.- \$254
Sacred Heart -	\$ 776.20	2nd Coll.- \$297

Thank you for your generosity

### ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Mark your calendars to attend the **Night in Italy** on March 21 at St. Margaret Mary. This delicious dinner is a free will donation with all the proceeds going to various charities and organizations such as Catholic Charities and Gift of Warmth.
- ◆ 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.



**40 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.



Prayers and sympathy to the family of Verna Emling. May God's perpetual light shine upon her.



## Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- \* **Night In Italy—March 21 5pm-7pm.** Volunteer sign up sheets are in the vestibule at St. Margaret Mary. We truly need and appreciate all help and donations! Please help make the night a success!

Sacred Heart—

- \* **Volunteers are needed for the carpet replacement committee.** Please contact Mark May or Dale Pfeiffer if interested.

St. James—

- \* **Congratulations to Jennifer Hansen, the St. James 2019 Woman of the Year.** Jennifer served as a cantor for many years and is currently an officer of the CCW. Thank you, Jennifer, for your service to the St. James Parish. You are greatly appreciated!
- \* **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.
- \* **Thanks to all who helped to make Spring Forward a success.** To those who made decorations, donated food or beautiful raffle items, bought raffle tickets, came and shared a few hours with your church family, you are appreciated. A special thank you to the children and their parents who delighted us with their songs.



### **BETHLEHEM ARTS MARCH 23-24**

We will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles.

Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect the faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. Help our sisters and brothers in Christ to keep their Christian identity and presence there. The handcrafted olive wood articles will be available for purchase after all masses.

### **Genesis to Jesus Beyond Sunday Small Groups**

Lesson 1 is complete, but 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 Powers 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—2nd Sunday of Lent**

In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern included a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?

## **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)



A huge **thank-you** to the fabulous kitchen crew, servers, and clean-up crew who made the St. Margaret Mary's Men's Club Fish Fry a great success. Kitchen crew: Father Allam, Pete Denault, Ellen & Dave Emling, Frances Feller, Mike Hertz, Dan Hoffman, Roger Jensen, Steve Jacob, Darren Lovell, Jason Piper.

Servers and cleanup crew: Todd & Deb Datweiler, Bob Rushman, Steve Hertz, Bill & Stacie Powers, Wayne & Julie Bisailon, Steve Jacobs, Tim Feller, Dennis Pankey, Brian Frerichs, Mia Ruder, Zeke Torres.