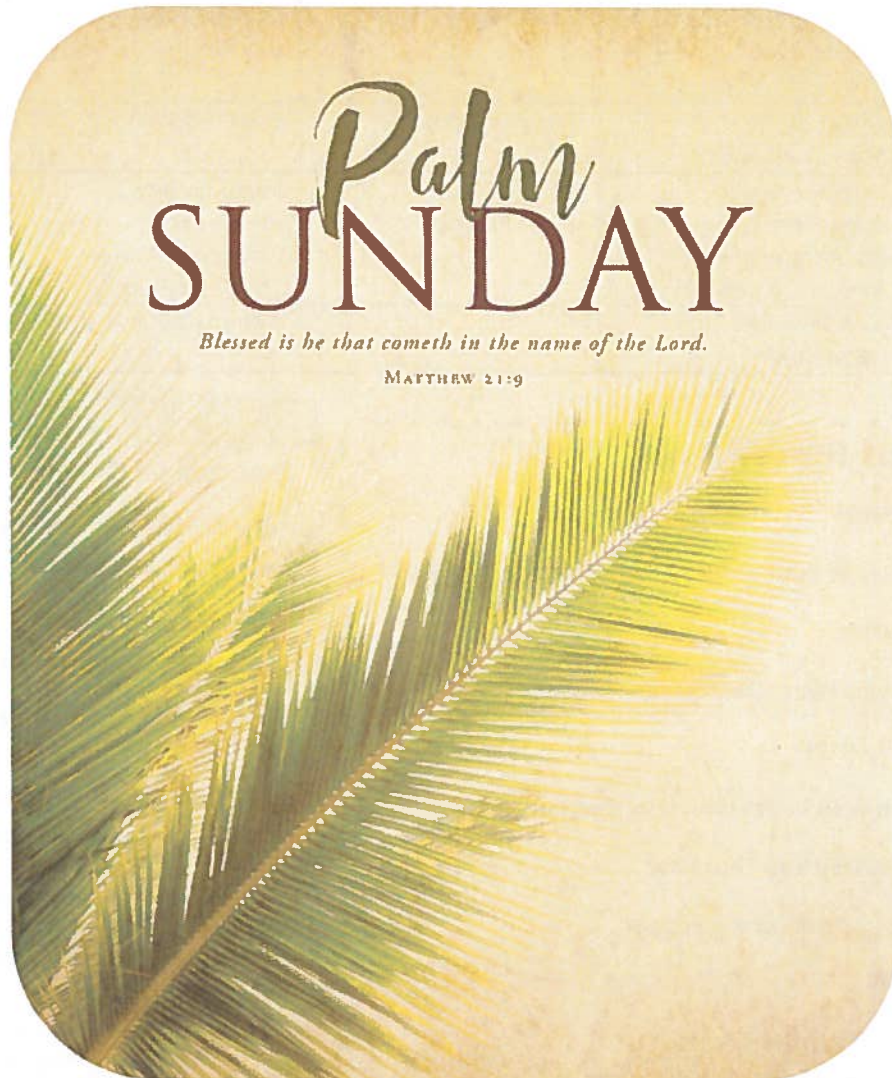


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

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Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary

Saturday 4:15

or by appointment

Quotable: "A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

~Mahatma Ghandi

Easter Sunday– April 20-21, 2019

Liturgical Schedule	St. James Saturday, April 20 8:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, April 21 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, April 21 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, April 21 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam
Ushers	Dallas Ferris Arlen Hansen Bee Papineau Dennis O'Connor	Kyle Ferris Duane Ferris	Jerry Steinke Jerry Ogrentz Rick White	Jeff Long Chad Schoolman Darren Lovell Joe Smolkovich
Lector	Andy Hansen Mary Peerbolte	Cindy Gagnon	Dave Ladehoff	Diane Long
Communion Ministers	Todd Mesewicz Donna Bernicky Mary/Darwin Peerbolte Joyce/Dallas Ferris	Terri Weakley Laurie Palinski	Jonathan Wood Joe Benoit Vic / Cheryl Carlile Craig / Liz Frerichs	Diane Long Hollie Lovell Wayne Bisailon
Servers	Ayla Summers Dylan Miller		Gwen Jackubowski	

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 15, 2019

8:00 am + Gary Jensen (John & Nancy Scanlon) (SMM)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

8:00 am +Phyllis Buza (Dale Haggard) (SH)

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

8:00 am + Jim & Joan Scanlon (The Family) (SJ)

Thursday, April 18, 2019 Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 19, 2019

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SMM)

7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross (SMM)

Saturday, April 20, 2019 Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 pm Intention of the Celebrant (SJ)

Sunday, April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

7:30 am Intention of the Celebrant (SH)

9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant (SJ)

10:30am Intention of the Celebrant (SMM)

A Look Ahead

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

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

Mon., April 15—SMM CCW Meeting 7 pm

Tues., April 16—SJ Parish Council

Wed., April 17—Confirmation Class SJ 7-9 pm

Thurs., April 25—SH Spring Luncheon/ Card Party 11:30am

Sun., April 28—Divine Mercy Devotion SMM 2 pm

May 2-3—Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue

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Sunday Collections

April 6-7, 2019

St. Margaret Mary - \$2,751.75

St. James - \$1,720

Sacred Heart - \$1,981

Thank you for your generosity

ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Sacred Heart CCW is having their Spring Luncheon and Card Party Thursday, April 25th at 11:30am. It will be a great opportunity to get out after this long winter. There will be a hot and cold buffet, raffles, and door prizes. Luncheon tickets will be available at the door. Gentlemen are always welcome! The proceeds will be going towards the renovation of the church sacristy.
- ◆ A delegation from our tri-parishes joined 6 buses from the Joliet Diocese in Springfield on April 3 to advocate for the life of the unborn. Representative Lindsay Parkhurst and Senator Toi Hutchinson were both contacted and requested to not support either of the two bills that are being considered which would be an affront to the right to life for the unborn. Representative Parkhurst was responsive to our request, while Senator Hutchinson was non-committal, as she is a co-sponsor of one of the bills. Please continue to be vigilant in regards to these bills.
- ◆ The 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) theme is "Signs of Hope." Pope Francis has asked us to be missionary disciples and carry within us the



hope and love of God that will radiate to those around us, particularly to those most in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the CMAA to help support



the 30 ministries that serve those in need. Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message throughout our diocese, and beyond!
Thank you for being a sign of hope!



Prayers and deepest sympathy to Bee Papineau and family on the death of her son, Doug Papineau. May God's perpetual light shine upon him.

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- * SMM CCW will meet Monday, April 15 at 7 pm. All women of the parish are encouraged to join us.

Sacred Heart—

- * **Holy Thursday Ministries—**
Ushers—Dale Pfeiffer, Dennis Pankey
Lector—Terri Weakley
Com. Min.—Laurie Palinski
- * All SH CCW members, please pick up your envelopes with your raffle tickets for the Spring Luncheon from the table at the entrance of the church.
- * If you would like to donate or know of businesses that would donate to our raffles and door prizes for the Spring Luncheon, please contact Laurie Palinski at 815-937-0036 or any of the CCW officers. Thank you for your support.

St. James—

- * There are no Stations of the Cross at St. James on Good Friday. Please attend the Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm at St. Margaret Mary.

A Stewardship Moment— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of a week unlike any other. Disciples, who are meant to follow their Master, will leave Him and go into hiding. Enemies like Herod and Pilate will become friends. A kiss and a warm embrace, signs of affection, will become signs of death. The innocent are found guilty while murderers like Barabbas go free. Simple bread and wine will become the Body and Blood of the Savior. And when all seems lost, what appears to be a tragic failure in the crucifixion, becomes the triumphant Lord of lords, King of kings, and conqueror of death, for Himself and for us all! Celebrate this Holy Week.

Are you thankful you don't live in the Middle East? Are you frightened, disgusted, or saddened by the persecution and maltreatment of Christians there? Do you feel powerless to do anything because you live so far away?

All of us here and right now can help our fellow Christians' in the Holy Land. We can personally make a difference through our praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

On Good Friday, the Church will take up a worldwide collection for the Holy Land—its people and its shrines. Your monetary support is desperately needed by those struggling to maintain our Faith and our physical presence there. This is the time for us to be extra generous. If you gave nothing in the past, consider making some type of gift. If you gave a dollar last year, think of giving two. If you won't be at the Good Friday service, consider putting your gift in an envelope marked GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION and dropping it in the Sunday basket or mailing it to the parish office. Christianity is rapidly disappearing from the Holy Land. For our brothers and sisters there, it is a daily struggle for survival. You can join in their suffering by making a sacrificial gift yourself on Good Friday.

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.



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

HAPPENING AROUND US:

Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance programs. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call Andy Ehrlich, General Agent, at 217-212-9055, or e-mail at Andrew.Ehrlich@kofc.org"

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET The relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, popularly revered as Padre Pio, will be at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1301 Sterling Ave. at High St., Joliet on Friday May 3, 2019. Veneration of the relics will be from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Mass in Honor of St. Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 PM by The Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet.

During his lifetime, Padre Pio was known as someone with miraculous powers of healing and knowledge. He was the first priest in the Catholic Church to bear the stigmata, a term used to describe the wounds an individual receives that correspond to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus.

His stigmata emerged during World War I, after Pope Benedict XV asked Christians to pray for an end to the conflict, Padre Pio had a vision in which Christ pierced his side. A few weeks later, on Sept. 20, 1918, Jesus again appeared to him, and he received the full stigmata. It remained with him until his death Sept. 23, 1968. Pope St. John Paul II canonized him in 2002.

Contact your legislators! Put your address in and send an email or call.

<https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/illinois-senate/>

<https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/illinois-house/>

House Bill 2467 & Senate Bill 1594

- *Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. This current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion.*

House Bill 2495 & Senate Bill 1942

- *Repeals the current state ban on partial-birth abortions.*
- *Defines abortion as a fundamental right.*
- *Removes abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures.*
- *Removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions.*

Senator Hutchinson -
Phone 708-756-0882

Representative Parkhurst—
Phone—815-523-7779

Easter

A Journey to Emmaus



The story of the two disciples walking to Emmaus is the story of Easter in microcosm. The two disciples feel alone in the aftermath of Christ's death and perhaps abandoned by the God who allowed such an incomprehensible injustice. Soon they are joined by a stranger who explains the scriptures to them. As they talk, they feel a sense of bonding and hope, but they do not yet recognize the Lord. Finally, when they stop for a meal, their eyes are opened in a eucharistic experience, "We knew him in the breaking of the bread."

The story of Emmaus is also the story of the Church. The deep sense of absence felt by the two disciples is dramatically filled by the risen Lord: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?" Yet, that visible presence is short-lived: "He vanished from their sight." Hindsight affords us the luxury of knowing the clear eucharistic import of this disappearance. As the risen Lord "vanishes" from physical earthly existence, we become the body of Christ on earth. The community of faith remembers the Lord who makes himself present and visible again when we celebrate the Eucharist and go out to witness the good news.



THE EASTER SEASON

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say "Christ is Risen." It's the season when we remember our baptisms and recognize that through this sacrament we are incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation.

THE HISTORY OF EASTER

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, the culmination of Christ's mission and the foundation of our faith. Easter is also the oldest Christian holiday, one that Pope Leo I regarded as the greatest feast of the liturgical year, a conviction that has since been widely embraced. As St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, then your faith has been in vain" (1 Cor 15:14).

St. Bede suggests that word *Easter* could be related to *Estre*, an ancient goddess of spring. The more common term for Easter was the Latin *Pasch* or *Passover*. Easter was the *Festa Paschalia*, a name that is plural because Easter is not just a one-day event but includes seven more days of celebration (called the Easter octave). The name *Easter* is also related to the German word for east, *ostern*, where the sun rises. So the associations of light from the rising sun and the new life of spring naturally carry over to our celebration of new life through Christ.

The fixing of the date of Easter was complex and somewhat controversial. To the members of the early Church, every Sunday was regarded as a celebration of the resurrection. When it was determined to single out one day to highlight the feast, there was disagreement as to the proper date. Some Christians, including St. Irenaeus and St. Polycarp, felt it should coincide with the Jewish Passover, which was determined by the lunar calendar, while others preferred the Sunday celebration date that eventually prevailed when the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 determined that Easter is to be celebrated on the first Sunday following first full moon that occurs on or after the spring (vernal) equinox.

Alleluia!

From the "great Alleluia!" at the Easter Vigil through the end of the Easter season at Pentecost, "Alleluia!" is the signature chant for the Easter celebration. "These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia!" says the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.

Indeed, on most days of the year, the festive Easter acclamation "Alleluia!" is used—the only exception is in Lent. "We are an Easter people and "Alleluia!" is our song," is Augustine's oft-quoted phrase.

Alleluia! (from the Hebrew *hallelujah* meaning "Praise God") appears frequently in the Psalms, and in the early Church became part of the liturgy. In Chapter 19 of Revelation, "Alleluia!" is the first and the last word of the glorious "heavenly liturgy" coming from the mouths of the "great multitude" (19:1, 6), and "the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures" (19:4).

The double "Alleluia!" with its ancient chant that closes the Mass in the Easter season is hauntingly beautiful to many who hear it for the first time.

"Alleluia!" is the refrain in most traditional Easter hymns, including the rousing "Jesus Christ is risen today." The "Alleluia!" is part of all Sunday and daily Masses (except in Lent) by virtue of the Alleluia or Gospel Verse. "Alleluia! Alleluia!" is sung before a short Scripture text suggesting the theme of the upcoming Gospel is sung; then a final "Alleluia!" is sung.

MASS READINGS FOR THE EASTER SEASON 2019

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 • Jn 20:1-9

2nd Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 • Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 • Jn 20:19-31

3rd Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 • Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Rev 5:11-14 • Jn 21:1-19

4th Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52 • Ps 100:1-3, 5
Rev 7:9, 14b-17 • Jn 10:27-30

5th Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 • Ps 145:8-13
Rev 21:1-5a • Jn 13:31-35

6th Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 • Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 • Jn 14:23-29

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11 • Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 • Lk 24:46-53

7th Sunday: Acts 7:55-60 • Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 • Jn 17:20-26

Pentecost: Acts 2:1-11 • Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26