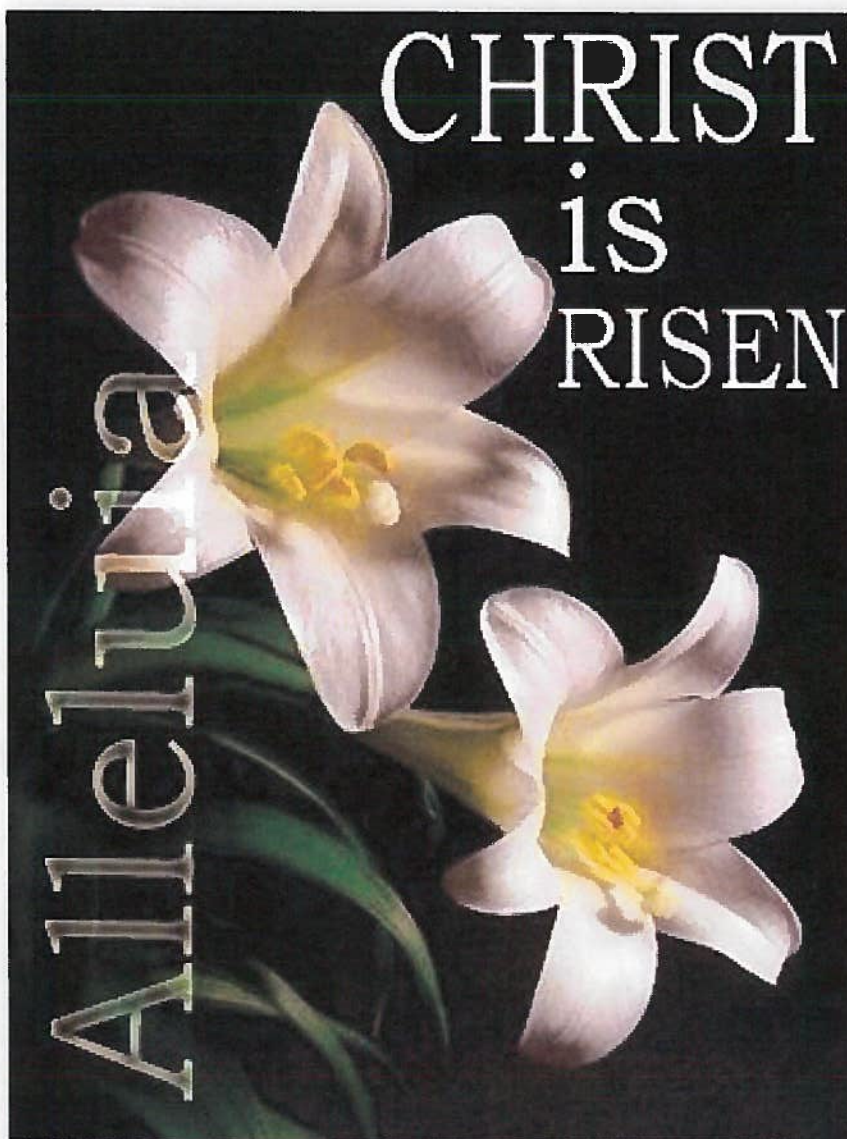


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 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

View bulletins online at www.triparishcatholics.org

Quotable: "Accept the risen Lord into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him; he awaits you with open arms."

~Pope Francis

Divine Mercy Sunday— April 27-28, 2019

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, April 27 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, April 28 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, April 28 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, April 28 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Todd Datweiler Robbie Landeck Jason Piper	Dale Pfeiffer Dennis Pankey	Dallas Ferris Jeff Steinke Jerry Ogrentz Todd Mesewicz	Steve Hertz Corey Eich Jeremy Wolles Larry Wolles
Lector	Dave Emling	Darlene Cipcich	Craig Frerichs	Julie Splear
Communion Ministers	Rob Landeck Janet Andrzejewski Mariann Lane	Darlene Cipcich Joyce Dickinson Rhonda Berns	Jonathan Wood Joe Benoit Vic / Cheryl Carlile Natalie Mesewicz	Lynda Wolles Megan Splear Karen Rushman
Servers	Zoe Buza		Gwen Jackubowski	

A Look Ahead

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 22, 2019

8:00 am + Joan Smith (MaryLu Laffey) (SMM)

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

8:00 am +Dean Sanders (Marian Sanders) (SH)

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

8:00 am + Sondra Hertz (Mike & Joe King) (SJ)

Friday, April 26, 2019

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

Saturday, April 27, 2019

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, April 28, 2019

7:30 am + Brian Buckley (Gary & Kate Cloonen)

+Verna Emling (Mark & Roxana May) (SH)

9:00 am +Joan Smith (Reatta Gohlke)

+David Stevenson (Bernice Papineau) (SJ)

10:30am +Richard Kelch (John & Diane Smolkovich)

+Brian Buckley (Mary McDonald) (SMM)

- Thurs., April 25—SH Spring Luncheon/ Card Party 11:30am
- Sun., April 28—Divine Mercy Devotion SMM 2 pm
- Sun., April 28— Last day of Religious Ed at SMM
- May 2-3—Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue
- Sun., May 5—First Communion at SMM and SJ
- Wed., May 15— Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at St. James 3-7pm
- Sun., May 19— Confirmation 2 pm

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Sunday Collections

April 13-14, 2019

St. Margaret Mary - \$1,903

St. James - \$1,030

Sacred Heart - \$1,074

Thank you for your generosity

ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ 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!



- ◆ Our Tri-Parish community is hosting an important guest on May 2-3! The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is coming to St. Margaret Mary. There will be afternoon, evening, and morning opportunities for all to honor and pay tribute to the Holy Mother. See the back cover for more details about her visit. This

is an honor for our community, so please help to celebrate this visit with your attendance and support.

A Stewardship Moment— Easter Sunday

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter boldly offers his testimony to the risen Christ. He shared with the crowds what he himself witnessed; Jesus' friendship, healing and forgiveness. Peter proclaims a resurrected life that brings hope. The Christian life is, indeed, a resurrected life. It is new life, one of truth, inner joy and genuine fulfillment. God has transformed our lives for all eternity, and that transformation is what it means to be a Christian. Do you know the resurrected life? Have you genuinely experienced it? Good stewards have, and in their joy, they are committed, like Peter, to offering their own witness. It is time to rejoice.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY! ALLELUIA!

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

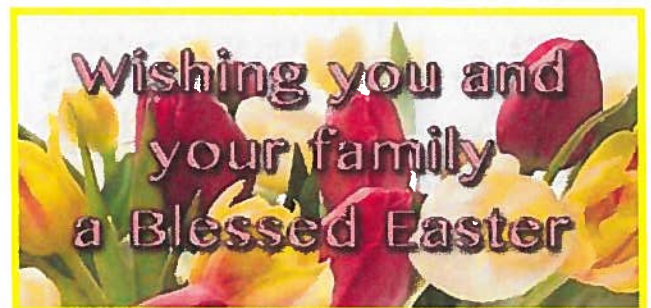
- * The CCW Deanery Spring Institute is Wed., June 5, at St. Joseph's Church, Bradley. The cost for SMM CCW members is \$5. Please sign up on the bulletin board and drop your \$5 in the collection basket marked "Spring Institute" before May 15.

Sacred Heart—

- * 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—

- * Thank you to all who contributed to the collection of toiletries for the needy. These items will be distributed to adults, teens, and children in the Kankakee area who need a helping hand.
- * The 2019 Mothers and Others Breakfast is on Sunday, May 19, immediately after the 9:00 am Mass. All women of the parish and their guests are invited. Please sign up on the bulletin board.
- * CCW Deanery Spring Forward Event at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bradley is on June 5. Mass is at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:30. Sign up on bulletin board.





**Sacred Heart Parish C.C.W.
Goodrich
588 S. 10,000 W. Rd.
Bonfield, IL**

Spring Luncheon
and
Card Party

Raffle - Games - Prizes

**Thursday April 25th
11:30 a.m.**

Donation \$8.00

**Serving Hot & Cold Lunch Buffet
Gentlemen Are Always Welcome**

St. Margaret Mary is hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima that has been traveling worldwide for 70+ years.

Please join us to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you!

Hundreds of favors and graces including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue, sculpted by Jose Thedim based on Sister Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady, is a great gift to our community.

Learn more about the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

Come and hear this powerful and timeless message of salvation and hope and experience the grace of Fatima.

HAPPENING AROUND US:

The Association for the Preservation of St. Rose of Lima Chapel invite you to us join for Sunday BRUNCH

When: Sunday April 28, 2019

Where: Knights of Columbus 187 S. Indiana Ave. Kankakee, IL

TIME: 8:00 am until 1:00 pm

Menu: Biscuits and gravy, eggs, french toast casserole, cheesy potatoes, bacon, and sausage plus cinnamon rolls, fruit, yogurt, coffee, milk and orange juice. Mimosas, Bloody Mary's and more available at the cash bar after 11:00am.

Cost: Adults - \$10, children 5 to 12 - \$5, children under 5 are free.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Triumph of God's Love

Throughout the Bible God is characterized by a deep and abiding love for humanity, in particular those who respond to God's covenant invitation to live according to God's guidelines to create a community of justice, love and peace. This divine love is celebrated in a special way on the Sunday after Easter, which since 2000 has been identified as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. On this day, we celebrate God's unfathomable love and its constant yearning to forgive us for the ways in which we fail in our obligations of covenant life.

The recognition of God's loving mercy and forgiveness has been a constant in the Christian tradition, however there was never a formal liturgical celebration until Pope John Paul II designated this feast day. As he declared, "Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

Although others had often advocated celebrating God's Mercy, Pope John Paul II was greatly influenced by the writings of a 20th century Polish nun, the mystic St. Faustina Kowalska. Born Helena Kowalska (1905–1938), she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, became Sr. Maria Faustina and devoted her life to the message of God's mercy. She traced her spiritual experiences with Christ in her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*.

For almost 40 years, Pope John Paul II championed Sr. Faustina's mission to promote God's mercy, which culminated both in her canonization and the establishment of this Feast of Mercy as Christ himself had told her:

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine flood-gates through which graces flow are opened"

(Faustina's Diary)

**Divine Mercy Devotion &
Confessions
Sunday, April 28th
Held at St.MM 2:00PM**



THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Jesus King of Divine Mercy

On Sunday February 22, 1931, St. Faustina had a mystic experience of Jesus, clothed in a white garment with his right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching his garment near his heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red (symbolizing the blood which is our life) and the other pale (symbolizing the baptismal water that makes us Christians).

In 1934, with the help of Fr. Michael Sopocko, the painter Eugene Kazimierowski created the original Divine Mercy painting under St. Faustina's direction.

The painting, having miraculously survived World War II and the Soviet occupation thereafter, eventually was restored and hung in the Church of the Holy Trinity in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2005. The church is now known as the Shrine of Divine Mercy.



The first Divine Mercy painting by Kazimierowski (1934) at the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Vilnius, Lithuania

A subsequent painting of the Divine Mercy was created by artist Adolf Hyła who gave it to the Sisters of our Lady of Mercy in Poland in thanksgiving for the preservation of himself and his family during World War II. The sisters placed it over the tomb of St. Faustina at their convent in Lagiewniki where it can still be seen today. It is this rendering of the Divine Mercy and other variations of the Hyła painting that are most well known (as seen on the cover of this insert).

The image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist. As Faustina gazed intently at him, he said to her, *"Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in you. I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. I want this image to be blessed on the first Sunday after Easter: that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy."*

Faustina's Mission

St. Faustina's life-long dedication to God's mercy was the direct result of her mystic encounter with Jesus, who gave her this mission. "Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. Speak to the world about my mercy. Let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy. Let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy. Let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them. Before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the doors of my mercy. One who refuses to pass through the doors of my mercy must pass through the doors of my justice. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy."

THE DIVINE MERCY Chaplet Prayer

A chaplet is a form of Christian prayer which uses prayer beads. On September 13, 1935, in a mystic experience an inner voice taught St. Faustina to use her rosary beads and pray in this way for each of the five decades:

"First of all you will say one *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary*, and the *I believe in God*."

Then on the *Our Father* beads you will say the following words: *"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."*

On the *Hail Mary* beads you will say the following words: *"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

In conclusion three times you will recite these words: *"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

(Faustina's Diary)

According to Faustina's visions recounted in her diary the aims of the chaplet's prayers for mercy are threefold: to obtain mercy, to trust in Christ's mercy, and to show mercy to others. In subsequent visions, Faustina learned that the prayers should be taught to all the people of the world. According to tradition, the chaplet may be said at any time, but it is said especially on Divine Mercy Sunday and Fridays at 3:00 PM.