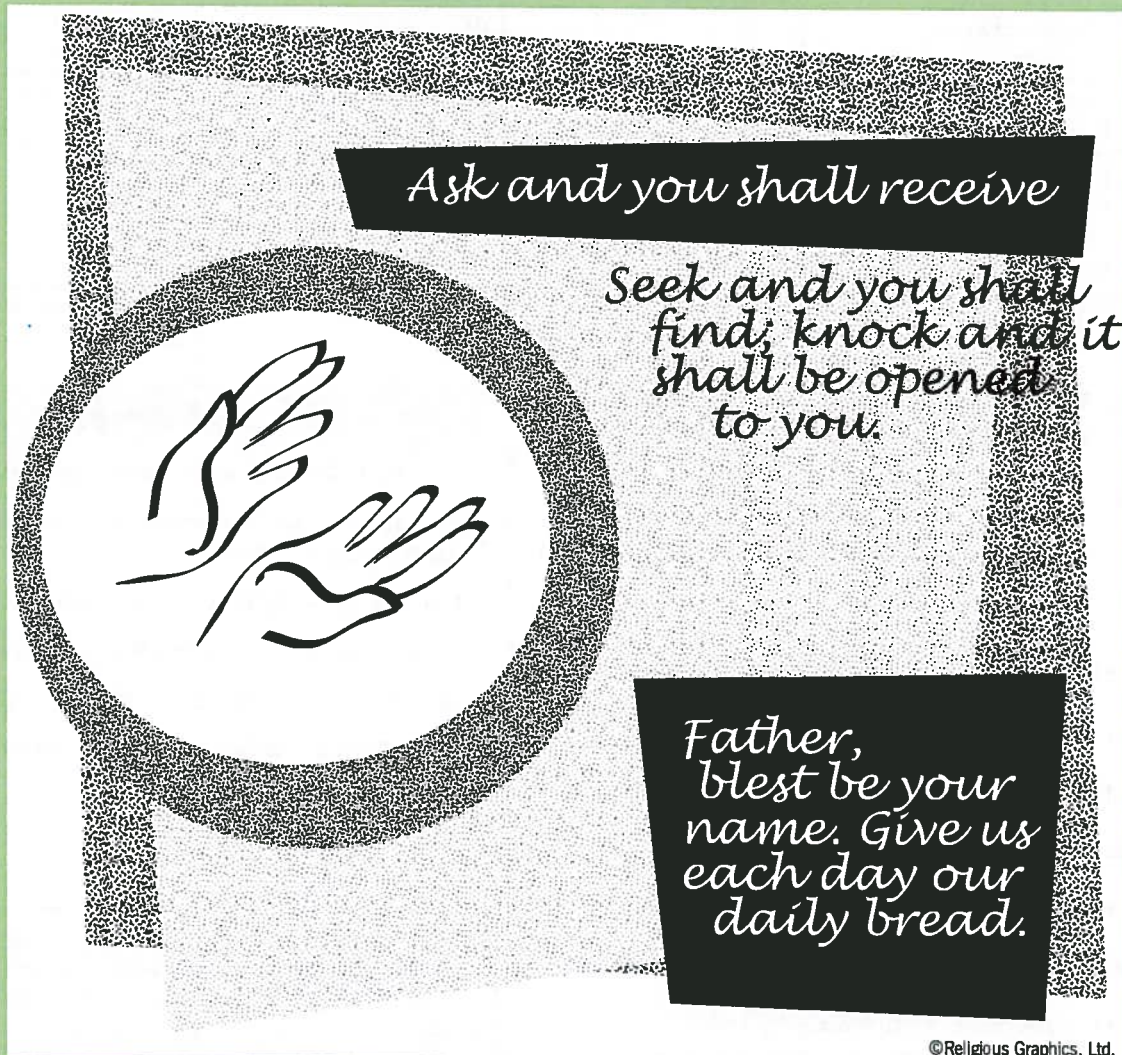


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 28, 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: "Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."*  
*~St. Francis de Sales*

<b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3-4, 2019</b>				
<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Saturday, August 3 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Sunday, August 4 7:30 am</b>	<b>St. James Sunday, August 4 9:00 am</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Sunday, August 4 10:30 am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam Deacon Ron	Fr. Allam	Fr. Allam
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Gery Wright Todd Datweiler Jason Piper	Kyle Ferris Daryl Ferris	Jerry Ogrentz Rick White Bee Papineau Arlen Hansen	Jeremy Wolles Larry Wolles Connor Settles Erik Wheeler
<b>Lector</b>	Rob Landeck	Cindy Gagnon	Dave Ladehoff	Corinn Wheeler
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Ellen Emling Hillary Webb Cathy Wright	Jamie Beedle Rhonda Berns	Dennis/Sue O'Connor Mary/Darwin Peerbolte Joyce/Dallas Ferris	Corinn Wheeler Lynda Wolles Wayne Bisaillon
<b>Servers</b>	Xander Buza Charlotte Fulton		Ayla Summers	Garrett Smolkovich Bella Eich

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, July 29

8:00 am +Jack Jacob (Lisa, Nicole, & Whitney Beck) (SMM)

#### Tuesday, July 30

8:00 am +Phyllis Buza (Terri & Jerry Weakley) (SH)

#### Wednesday, July 31

8:00 am +Doug Papineau (Dennis/Sue Ann O'Connor) (SJ)

#### Friday, August 2

8:00 am +Lavern Denault (Duane & AnnaMae Boyd) (SMM)

#### Saturday, August 3

5:00 pm +Gary Jensen (Bruce & Cathy Jensen)

+Amos & Esther Regnier (Pat Gray) (SMM)

#### Sunday, August 4

7:30 am + John Sullivan, Timmy Fitch, & Willard Denault  
(The Family) (SH)

9:00 am +JoAnn Bertrand Basman (Darlene/Gene Bertrand)

+Larry Papineau (Jerry & Mary O'Connor) (SJ)

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

### A Look Ahead

Sun., July 28—SH Scholarship applications due

Sun., July 28—SH Scholarship Luncheon/Sundae Bar Fundraiser 1-4pm

Thurs., Aug 1—SMM Scholarship Letters Due

Sun., August 18—Fr. Allam's Going Away Party at SJ

Sun., August 25—Float Building Party 1:00

Mon., Sept. 2—Herscher Labor Day Celebration

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

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

## Sunday Collections

July 20-21, 2019

St. Margaret Mary— \$1,441; Diocese of Guntar \$1,831  
St. James— \$1,418; Diocese of Guntar \$1,892  
Sacred Heart - \$1,237; Diocese of Guntar \$1,854

**Thank you for your generosity**

### ALL PARISHES-

#### ⇒ Mark Your Calendars Today!

Join us for an afternoon of float building on Sunday, August 25. We will gather at Darrin & Hollie Lovell's barn at 1:00 pm. No experience necessary! Bring scissors and a staple gun if possible. Many hands make light work! All ages welcome. Contact the office with questions.

⇒ Father Allam's going away party will be held on Sun., August 18 at St. James from 2-4 pm. More details will be forthcoming, but don't forget to save that date!

⇒ Ask Deacon Ron about his experience as a Deacon. See the next box over for dates, places for informational sessions.

⇒ Pick up August ministry sheets in the vestibule.

### A Stewardship Moment—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A prominent theme in today's Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity to us. What should our response be to that generosity?

## Parish News:

### St. Margaret Mary—

- \* The Gift of God Street Church is in need of laundry soap and bleach so the homeless of our area can have their clothes laundered. Please call Jackie at 815-421-4048 or drop off your donations at 488 Bossert St., Herscher.
- \* **Letters of application are now being accepted for the Theresa Fritz Catholic Education Scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year.** Applicants must be a parishioner at St. Margaret Mary and attend a Catholic grade school, high school, or university. Please submit a letter to Fr. Allam at the Tri-Parish office explaining which school you will be attending and your reason(s) for choosing a Catholic school. Letters need to be received in the office by August 1, 2019.

### Sacred Heart—

- \* **It was a generous collection for Sacred Heart on July 14, but not as generous as printed in the bulletin. The correct amount was \$1,069.**

### St. James—

The Diocese of Joliet will begin the process of inviting men to discern the call to the diaconate in a series of four informational sessions:

The Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, IL 60403 **July 30, Aug. 6, 13—7:00-9:00 PM (English)**

St. John Paul II Parish 907 S Ninth ST Kankakee, IL 60901 **July 31, Aug. 7, 14—7:00-9:00 PM (English)**

St. Petronille Church 420 Glenwood Ave. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 **August 1, 8, 15—7:00-9:00 PM (English)**

The Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, IL 60403 **July 31, Aug. 7, 14—7:00-9:00 PM (Spanish)**

If you sense God is calling you, please consider attending the informational sessions. No registration is required and wives are welcome. For more information, see our website at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/diaconate>

## HAPPENING AROUND US:

### The Book Corner

Have you read one of the books from Dynamic Catholic that have been handed out or picked up from the vestibule? What about any other book that is faith based? Email your short review to share with others in the bulletin to [debjen04@gmail.com](mailto:debjen04@gmail.com).

Share what you are reading with us!



### LIVING WITH A HAPPY, GRATEFUL HEART

A grateful heart shifts focus from ourselves to other people and circumstances as we humbly acknowledge their contribution to our lives. Despite the way it makes us feel, gratitude is *not* an emotion, it is a learned discipline. You can give yourself this gift by *choosing* to become mindful of your day-to-day experiences and understanding how the littlest of things can create moments of sheer joy.

**Come away for a Time of Prayer.** *Let the silence and atmosphere of peace bring you to a deeper place within yourself. Treat Yourself to a Time of Prayer.* **WHEN: Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center**

**2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee, IL 60901**

**LOWER LEVEL**

**Free Will Offering**

**To Register or For More Information: Call 815-935-0800 or just stop by.**

### Be a Good Steward of Your

#### Leisure Time

The air in July seems to be filled with the music of birds and the hum of insects. We hear the happy sounds of picnickers, boaters, golfers, fireworks, kids splashing in the pool, and concerts in the park. It's a celebratory time a time when many people take vacation or welcome visitors from afar or young adults home from college. We think of July as a fun time, a time for rest and relaxation, a time for leisure.

It's important to be a good steward of the wonders of summer, a good steward of our time of rest and renewal, a good steward of leisure. A time to recharge our batteries is all part of leading a healthy, balanced life. After all,

we recall that Jesus directed his disciples to "...go off to a secluded place and rest" (Mark 6:31).

Stewardship calls us to nurture and care for God's gifts which include taking care of the gift that is ourselves. So, make leisure a priority for the remainder of the summer. Simplify your activities and focus on relationships, resting, recreating, and enjoying the beauty of God's world. Ease up on planning the perfect party or bbq and instead focus on the fun of everyone chipping in to spend time together. Give yourself space to be alone in the midst of summer's fun.

Be healthy in eating and drinking. Long walks at dawn or dusk and plenty of exercise will aid both your body and your

spirit, as will enjoying the wealth of summer's bounty and the produce of our gardens and farmers' markets. Consider activities that add variety to our lives and relationships. Make time for those books piling up on the bookshelf. Do something out of the ordinary. Plan a long lunch with an old friend, or enjoy jazz "on the green." But don't add heavy burdens of preparation and commitment.

Scale down. Relax. Let go. Be spontaneous. Be a good steward of your leisure time. Bask in the glory of summer's long days. This will not only prove restorative but will reveal more acutely the blessings of God's creation and help us discover in new ways the wonder of our loved ones and ourselves.

**"Lunch with the Sisters"** Are you searching for something more in life? A community of faith in which to grow? If you are a woman, whether married, single, divorced, or widowed,

Consider joining the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary as an Affiliate...or Servant Companion...or Consecrated Lay Woman.....or Prayer Partner...or Sister. Want to learn more about these options?

Join us for a finger sandwiches and conversation on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 St. Mary's Rectory, 302 St. Charles Street, Beaverville

**Please RSVP** to Kathy at [sscm.vocations@gmail.com](mailto:sscm.vocations@gmail.com) OR 815-814-1414

no later than 4 PM on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!