

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



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**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 14-15, 2019**

Church Mailing Address:

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Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary

Saturday 4:15

or by appointment

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Quotable: "Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."  
 ~St Francis de Sales

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21-22, 2019**

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Sept. 21 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Sunday, Sept. 22 7:30 am</b>	<b>St. James Sunday, Sept. 22</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Sept. 22 10:30 am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Neitzke	Fr. Neitzke	Fr. Neitzke Deacon Ron	Fr. Neitzke
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Gery Wright Jason Piper Todd Datweiler	James Mallaney Daryll Ferris	Rick White Arlen Hansen Bee Papineau Dennis O'Connor	Connor Powers Bill Powers Chadd Schoolman Corey Eich
<b>Lector</b>	Rob Landeck	Mark May	Andy Hansen	Steve Jacob
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Mariann Lane Cathy Wright Hillary Webb	Mark May Darlene Cipcich Jamie Beedle	Vic / Cheryl Carlile Mary / Darwin Peerbolte Dallas Ferris	Stacie Powers Dana Masching Wayne Bisailon
<b>Servers</b>			Hannah Reese	Bella Eich

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Friday, September 20**

8:00 am +Dolores Fitch (Jackie Eberle)

**Saturday, September 21**

5:00 pm +Bob Deany, Boo Denault, Carlie Bauer, & Freida Boyd (Pete Denault Family) (SMM)

**Sunday, September 22**

7:30 am + Roger Wagner (John & Dawn Deany) (SH)

9:00 am +Bonnie Draper (Cathy & Bruce Jensen)  
 + Laurie Hanson (Bonnie Siedentop) (SJ)

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

**A Look Ahead**

Sun., Sept. 15—Religious Ed. Classes

Mon., Sept. 16—SMM CCW Meeting 7 pm

Sun., Sept. 22—Religious Ed. Classes

Mon., Sept. 23—Knights of Columbus 7 pm SJ

Monday, Sept. 30—SMM Parish Council 7 pm

Sunday, Oct. 6—SH CCW Bake Sale at Salina Fire Dept. breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 6—KC Ladies Auxiliary Bunco at SJ 2-4pm



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 Prayer Line—SMM—Pat Wagner 815-592-0773

*On this Catechetical Sunday, thank you to ALL of the catechists at our three parishes! We appreciate you and are grateful for your willingness to serve our communities. May God bless you and your new year*

**STAY WITH US**

**Sunday Collections**

**September 7-8, 2019**

St. Margaret Mary— \$2,485  
 St. James— \$1,234  
 Sacred Heart - \$1,066

**Thank you for your generosity**

**ALL PARISHES-**

- ⇒ If you have pledged to the Annual Diocesan Appeal and have not fulfilled your pledge at this time, please try to do so as soon as possible.
- ⇒ Ministry schedules for September are available in the back of each church.

**A Stewardship Moment—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Among the primary themes in today's Gospel when we hear Jesus' well-known parable of the Prodigal Son is forgiveness and the need to repent. But from a stewardship point of view what is also interesting is one of the secondary themes: the failure to use responsibly the gifts that have been so generously bestowed. The youngest son who demanded his inheritance and left home broke no laws or religious commandments. His wrongdoing was that he wasted his inherited wealth, the abundant gifts given to him. His sin was in his extravagant living; squandering his gifts in pursuit of selfish pleasures. Good stewards acknowledge that everything they have comes from God, and they are required to cultivate these gifts responsibly. What are our God-given gifts? Do we use them responsibly? Do we exercise good stewardship over them?



*God will not spurn  
 a heart that is contrite  
 and humble*

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**Parish News:**

**St. Margaret Mary—**

- \* SMM CCW will meet Monday, Sept. 16 at 7 pm. A speaker from Harbor House will give a short presentation. We will be sharing soup, chili, and sandwiches. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

**Sacred Heart—**

- \* There will be a Stag/Stagette meeting on Monday, September 23 at 7 pm in the church hall. Please join us in planning our 33rd annual event and helping make it another success.
- \* Sacred Heart CCW has boxes available for the project "Boxes of Joy". They will be on a table at the entrance to the church along with other literature, samples and lists of things that may be put in in the boxes. There can be no liquids, lotions or toy guns. The first pickup will be the middle of October. We had such a great response last year of 34 boxes, we hope to do as well this year. If you need any information, please call Terri Weakley 815 933-9043 or the deanery chairwoman Rhonda Berns 815-935-8669.

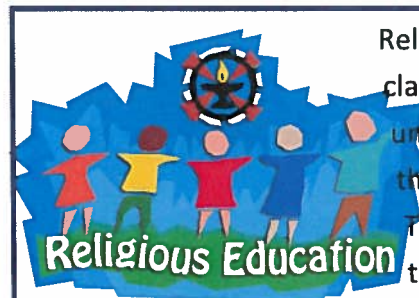


**St. James—**



Current Status for CMAA

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
St. MM	\$10,500	\$10,656	\$10,181
St. James	\$7,100	\$6,515	\$6,275
Sacred Heart	\$6,500	\$5,630	\$4,395



Religious education classes are now under way at all three parishes. There is still time to register and join in.



**Welcome Fr. Ron Neitzke to our  
Tri-Parish Community!**

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for September  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
As we begin to shift from summer schedules to  
autumn demands, teach us to recognize you,  
and help us follow you amidst our busy life.

Open the Scriptures to us  
that we may know you, see you, hear you –  
in the voices of friends and family,  
in the ministries of our parish,  
in the proclamation of the Word,  
and in the Breaking of the Bread.

Teach us to be good stewards,  
that we may use your gifts wisely  
and care for all those you place in our path.

Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed.  
Strengthen us, when we are frightened.  
Challenge our complacency.

Help us make this new season  
a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action  
to proclaim the Gospel in our words  
and in our deeds.

For the kingdom and the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## BEYOND SUNDAY—

Are you 18 or older? Interested in learning more about Catholicism? Come see what Beyond Sunday Small Group learning is all about.

Tuesday evenings at St. Margaret Mary hall - 7-8:15pm  
Wednesday mornings at St. James hall - 8:45-10am

Topic is **Catholicism** – 10 Lessons

Journey around the world and deep into the Catholic Faith in all its richness, history, beauty, goodness, and truth in breathtaking, high-definition cinematography.

Travel with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. You'll be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture, claiming more than one billion of Earth's people.

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Check out the trailer on [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

Lesson 1 begins September 17 & 18.

## HAPPENING AROUND US:

### Widowed Men and Women

"I thought I was doing okay, but I wanted things to be better. The Joyful Again! Retreat/workshop opened my eyes to new possibilities."

### Fall 2019 Schedule

October 12 & 13 - (No overnight)  
St. Hubert's, Hoffman Estates

November 2 & 3—(Overnight only)  
Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia

November 16 & 17 (Overnight only)  
Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

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