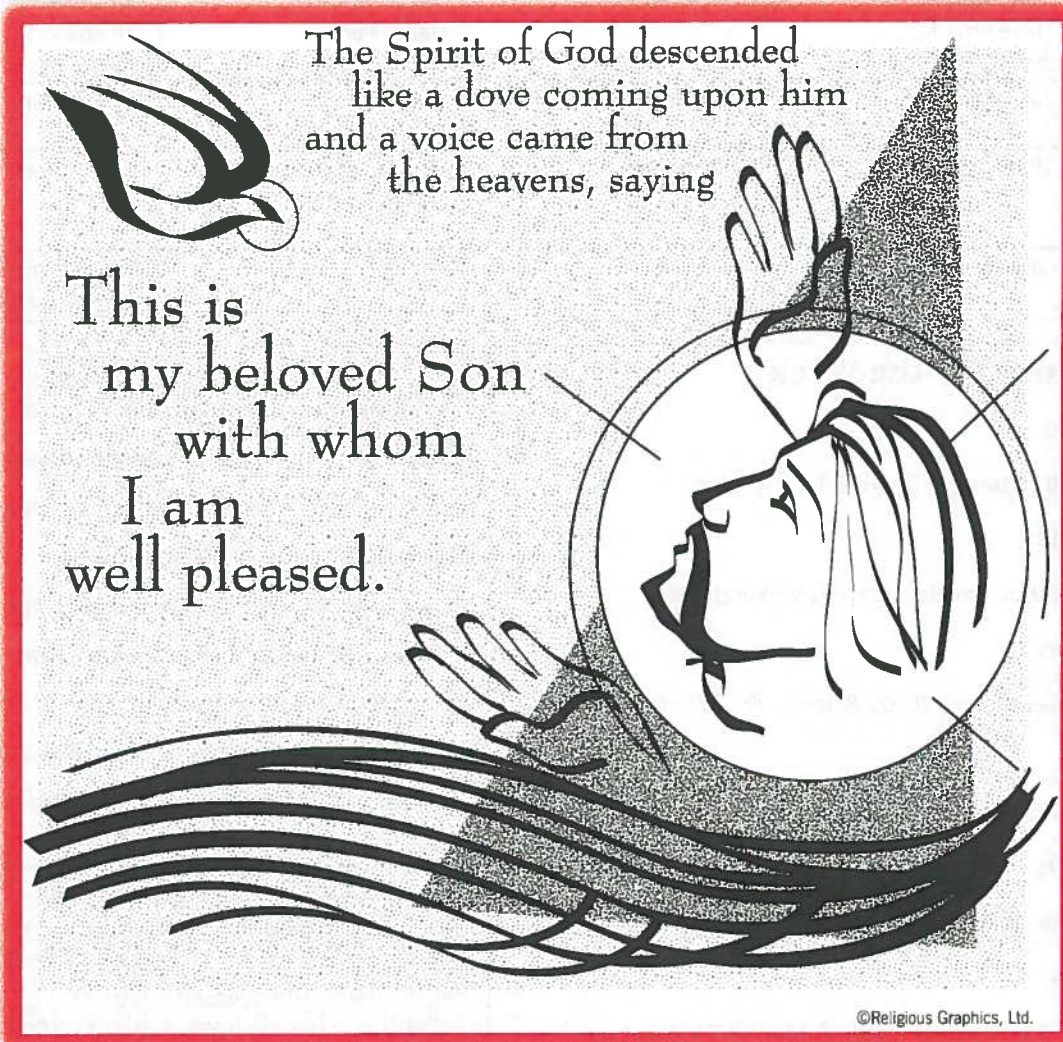


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



The Baptism of the Lord

January 11-12, 2020

Church Mailing Address:

207 E. 5th Street

Herscher, IL 60941

Phone: 815-426-2550

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary Sat. 4:15 pm

Sacred Heart Sun. 7:05-7:20 am

St. James Sun 8:35-8:50 am

Quotable: "Enter the coming year with renewed hope in the power of God to do through you what you cannot."
 – John MacArthur

The Baptism of the Lord January 18-19, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Jan. 18	Sacred Heart Sunday, Jan. 19 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Jan. 19 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Jan. 19 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Father Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Todd Datweiller Dave Emling Jason Piper	Duane Ferris Dale Pfeiffer	Jeff Steinke Jerry Ogrentz Dallas Ferris Bee Papineau	Chad Schoolman Connor Powers Bill Powers Darren Lovell
Lector	Jackie Eberle	Rhonda Berns	Craig Frerichs	Julie Splear
Communion Ministers	Hillary Webb	Deacon Ron	Donna Bernicky Reatta Gohlke	Hollie Lovell
Servers	Xander Buza		Hannah Reese	Garrett Smolkovich Charlotte Fulton

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 13

8:00 am +Bob Deany (Mary Elliot) (SMM)

Tuesday, January 14

5:00 pm +Susan Soucie (Dennis Wilking) (SH)

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 am +Leo Feller (Larry & Janice O'Connor) (SJ)

Friday, January 17

8:00 am +Dolores Fitch (Ruth McGinnis) (SMM)

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

7:30 am + Gary Jensen (Dale & Marilyn Pfeiffer) (SH)

9:00 am +Fred Gohlke (Arlen Hansen Family)
 +Dick Fitch (Bruce & Cathy Jensen) (SJ)

10:30am +Al & Betty Wolles (Julie & Wayne Bisailon)
 +Jackie Serene (Larry Serene Family) (SMM)

A Look Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 12—RE classes at all three parishes

Monday, Jan. 13—SMM Parish Council 7pm

Thursday, Jan. 16—Community Quilters SJ 9am

Monday, Jan. 20—SMM CCW meeting 7pm

Monday, Jan. 20—SH Parish Council 7pm

Wednesday, Jan. 22—Rosary for Life SJ 7pm

Monday, Jan. 27—Knights of Columbus 7pm

Tuesday, Jan. 28—SJ Parish Council 7pm (changed date)

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 Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048
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We are baptized
 in the SPIRIT
 of the LORD



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Sunday Collections

Jan. 4-5, 2020

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 2,276	Holy Day—\$613
St. James—\$1,942	Holy Day—\$515
Sacred Heart—\$998	Holy Day—\$355

Thank you for your generosity

ALL PARISHES-

⇒ During this cold and flu season, we will discontinue hand shaking as a sign of peace. Head nods and saying "peace be with you" will be less likely to spread germs. Also, due to the cold and flu season, we will only be distributing the Body of Christ during Communion time until further notice.

⇒ Please pick up your 2020 envelopes in the back of each church.

⇒ Anyone wishing to receive a statement for donations to the church in 2019 for taxes, please contact the church office at 815-426-2550.

*Peace
be with You*



Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- ◆ CCW meeting will be held on Mon., Jan. 20 at 7pm. We will be discussing the Woman of the Year nominations and begin planning for the Night in Italy. Come join us for some bingo, refreshments, and fun.

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ Parish Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 20. We will be planning for our 125th Anniversary.
- ◆ *All help after today's mass to take down Christmas decorations would be welcomed and appreciated!*

St. James—

- ◆ The Building Fund envelopes in this year's box will be used for building repairs and maintenance.
- ◆ Our Beyond Sunday small group will not meet on 1/15, but will meet on 1/22.

Rosary For Life—

A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Please gather at St. James at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 22 as we join the nation in praying the rosary for those who cannot protect themselves.



St Margaret Mary's religious education celebrated the Epiphany by recreating the wise men's journey and meeting the holy family.

A Stewardship Moment—

Weekend of January 11/12, 2020

Saint Matthew's story of the baptism of Jesus is an appropriate scripture reading to reflect on our own baptism. Jesus' baptism has been understood as a symbol of his death. Baptism is the sacrament by which we die to an old life of sin and enter a new life of grace. We "put on Christ." To be a good steward of one's baptism means to accept that one has new life in the risen Lord and is willing to be guided by the life of Jesus. As this year begins to unfold, reflect on the meaning of your own baptism, and how you might make an even deeper commitment to a new life in Christ Jesus.

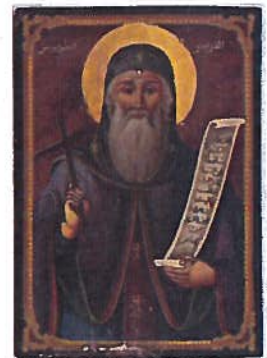


Folks, I have good news, the Baby Jesus is back in the manger at Margaret Mary. If you want Jesus in your life there is no need to take Him out of the manger, we give Him away every Sunday in the Eucharist.

I would like to thank everyone who sent me a Christmas card or gift. I appreciate you remembering during the holiday season.

Confirmation: I sent a letter to the Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Pates, asking him to set a date to confirm our students or give me permission to confirm them. I will let you know what the decision is as soon as I hear back from the diocese.

Saint of the week: Saint Anthony. St. Anthony was born in Egypt and is honored as the founder of monasticism. At the age of 20 he literally took the Gospel call to sell what he had and give it to the poor. For the next 85 years he lived an austere, ascetical life, devoting himself to prayer, and reading the scriptures. He did manual labor to earn his food, and gave any excess he had to the poor. Though he preferred solitude, he took time to give guidance and instructions to the many who lived an ascetical life in the desert. He organized them into monasteries, laying the foundation for monasticism. He died in the year 356. Feast day - January 17.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Jutta (d.c. 1260). She was a widowed noblewoman of Thuringia, Germany, noted for visions and miracles. She married at fifteen and raised children. When her husband died on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Jutta moved to Prussia becoming a recluse at Kulmsee. She is the patroness of Prussia, in eastern Germany. Feast day - May 5.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

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JANUARY 21-29, 2020

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com



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All Are Welcome to Our Parish Mission 2020

"ABLAZE" at St. Joseph Catholic Church

175 S Main St. Manteno, IL

Sunday, February 9, 7 pm

Monday, February 10, 7 pm

Tuesday, February 11, 7 pm

Featured Speaker : Deacon Keith Strohm

Night 1—**The Father' Delight**—What if you didn't have to earn God's love? What if performance had nothing to do with salvation?

Night 2—**Breaking The Power of Sin**— Jesus died for our sins." We may hear that a lot, but what does it mean that God's Son gave His life for you and me?

Night 3—**Unleashing the Spirit**— The Lord frees us from the power of sin and death so that we might live in the fullness of His life—a life we were originally created for.

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