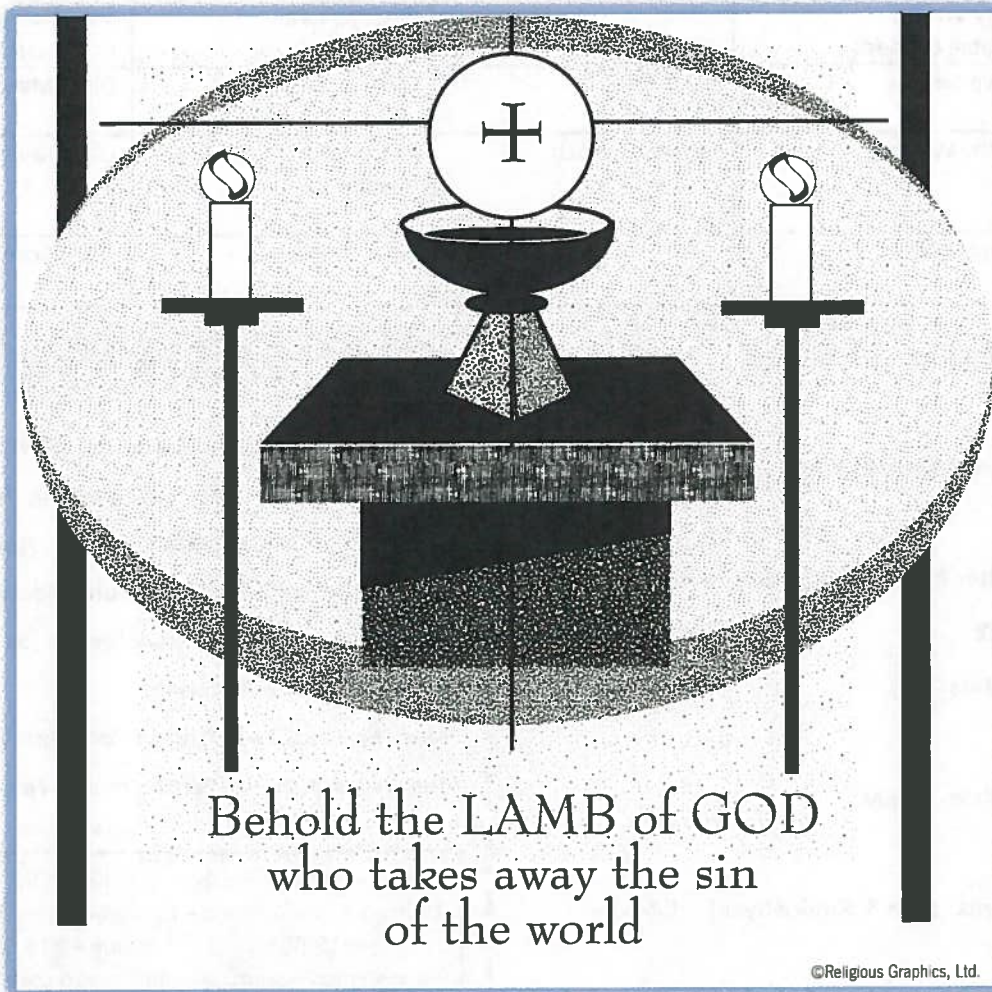


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18-19, 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

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Quotable: "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."
 -St. Thomas Aquinas

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25-26, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Jan. 25 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Jan. 26 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Jan. 26 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Jan. 26 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Father Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Roger Jensen Gery Wright Robbie Landeck	Dennis Pankey Kyle Ferris	Arlen Hansen Rick White Bee Papineau Dallas Ferris	Nick Zerebny Jeff Long Steve Hertz Corey Eich
Lector	Dave Emling	Mark May	Dave Ladehoff	Dana Masching
Communion Ministers	Cathy Wright	Darlene Cipcich	Dallas Ferris Deacon Ron	Dana Masching
Servers	Xander Buza		Dylan Miller	Kayla Scanlon

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 20

8:00 am +Sterling Bouchard (Ron Hoffman Family) (SMM)

Tuesday, January 21

8:00 am +Walter Pieszka (Terri & Jerry Weakley) (SH)

Wednesday, January 22

8:00 am No Mass (SJ)

Friday, January 24

8:00 am No Mass (SMM)

Saturday, January 25

5:00 pm Bill Fritz (Dan & Sandra Ryan) (SMM)

Sunday, January 26

7:30 am + Carson Cross (Tom & Carol Henry)

+ Joe Stalzer (Jackie Cross) (SH)

9:00 am +Alvin Saathoff (Noreen Saathoff)

+Betty Scanlon Rita Thiesen) (SJ)

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

A Look Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 19—No RE classes at SMM & SJ

Monday, Jan. 20—SMM CCW meeting 7pm

Monday, Jan. 20—SH Parish Council 7pm

Wednesday, Jan. 22—Small group meeting at SJ

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

Sunday, Jan. 26—RE Classes

Monday, Jan. 27—Knights of Columbus 7pm

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

Pastor— Fr. Ron Neitzke- 815-426-2550

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RE Coordinators –

St. Margaret Mary – Stacie Powers – 426-2550

St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443

Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669

Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048

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

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

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

Pastor: Karen K. Torrez Sunday School: 9:20 AM
 Worship: 10:45 AM

**IF YOU'RE PRAYING
 FOR A BLIZZARD
 PLEASE GO TO DAIRY QUEEN**

Sunday Collections
Jan. 11-12, 2020

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 2,006
St. James—\$1,248
Sacred Heart—\$910

Thank you for your generosity

ALL PARISHES-

⇒ Thank you to all who helped take down the decorations at each of the three parishes this past weekend.

⇒ 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.

*Peace
be with You*

⇒ 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.



A Stewardship Moment—
Weekend of January 18-19, 2020

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist shows us how what we do and say reveals to others what we really believe. He has a clear sense of who he is and who he is not, and by his life's work he gives testimony to God's active presence in people's lives. He challenges us to examine how our actions, reveal our attitudes, testify to our beliefs and show how those beliefs reveal our true selves to others. Good stewards of their faith are aware of the sort of God they reveal to the world by their words and actions. Do our acts witness to a God who takes away that which alienates people from God and each other? Do our actions truly reveal God's presence in the world today?

Here I am, LORD
I come to do your will

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Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- ◆ The parish council will host an informational meeting after both Masses the weekend of February 8 and 9 to explain the development of the parish's Welcome Team. If interested, please plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming prior to the meeting.
- ◆ 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.

St. James—

- ◆ The Building Fund envelopes in this year's box will be used for building repairs and maintenance.

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.

HAPPENING AROUND US:

What: Day of Reflection
When: Thursday, February 13, 2020
Time: 9:00 am-12 pm
Where: One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center
2041 W. State Route 113
Kankakee, IL 60901
Free Will Donations
Reservations: 815.935.0800 (Sr. Mary Stella)
Presenter: Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm (Bio below)

Topic: Growing in Nonviolence Through Prayer
Summary: Our daily media resources report the violence in our world, nation, cities and even our homes. We invite you to spend a morning of prayer pondering Jesus' beatitude "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God." How can we become a people of peace in our troubled culture?

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I would like to thank all those who helped decorate and take down the Christmas decorations at all three parishes. You did an excellent job and enhanced the parish's celebration of the Christmas season.

Saint of the week: Agnes. Little is known about Agnes. She is said to have suffered martyrdom at the age of 12. She was from a wealthy family and at an early age was resolved to live purely and to consecrate her virginity to God. Denounced by unsuccessful suitors, she was sent to a house of prostitution. She preserved her virginity by her saintly conduct. She was ordered beheaded. St. Ambrose said of her "She was too young to know death, yet ready to face it". Feast day Jan. 22nd.



Obscure saint of the week: Marianne Cope. Born to a poor working class family, one of eight children, she came to the United States when her parents emigrated in 1840. Marianne grew up in the Utica, New York area. She left school after the eighth grade to work in a factory for nine years and helped raise her younger siblings. She joined the *Sisters of Saint Francis* in Syracuse, New York in 1862, taking the name *Sister Marianne*, and made her vows in 1863. She became a teacher, Superior of a convent, and a member of the council that governed her community. Sister Marianne became the supervisor of Saint Joseph's Hospital in 1870; it was the only hospital in Syracuse, and cared for the sick regardless of race or religion, a rarity in the day. She was the directress of novices, and became Provincial Superior of her community in 1877. In November 1883, she and six of her sister Franciscans went to Honolulu, Hawaii to care for lepers. Mother Marianne had planned to stay a few weeks to help establish the facilities, and then return to Syracuse; she spent 35 years there and only returned when her remains were moved in 2005 as part of her beatification preparations. They completely revamped the conditions of the patients, vastly improving their housing and care. In 1885 she founded a home for the daughters of patients who lived in the colony. In November 1888 she and two sisters founded a home and school for girls on Molokai. In 1895 she took over the boys' home that had been founded by Blessed Damien de Veuster. In her later years she was confined to a wheelchair due to chronic kidney disease. Her feast day Jan. 23rd.



Scholarship Opportunity

Applications for The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants can obtain a BBSF APPLICATION form from their Parish CCW President. FACTS must be applied for online at <https://online.factsmgt.com>. Request to be added to the **Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463**. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to **FACTS** at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-441-4637. **DO NOT SEND the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35.00 fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report.**

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.