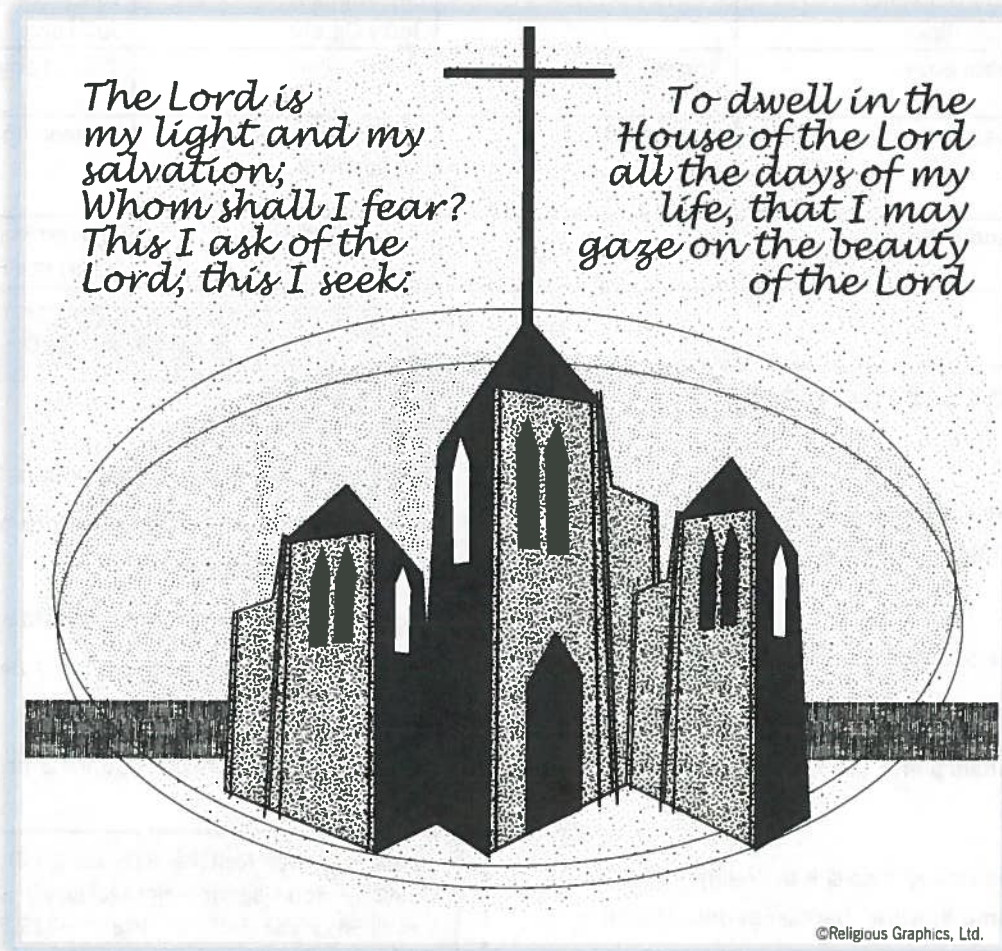


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 25-26, 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: "Always be doing something worthwhile, then the devil will always find you busy and more difficult to distract."  
 -St. Francis of Assisi

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1-2, 2020**

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Feb. 1 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Feb. 2 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Feb. 2 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Feb. 2 10:30 am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Father Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Dave Emling Todd Datweiler Jason Piper	Duane Ferris Daryl Ferris	Arlen Hansen Rick White Jeff Stienke Jerry Ogrentz	Erik Wheeler Conner Settles Joe Smolkovich Jeff Long
<b>Lector</b>	Bobbi Buza	Rhonda Berns	Brett Miller	Diane Long
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron	Natalie Mesewicz Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron
<b>Servers</b>	Xander Buza		Ayla Summers	Garrett Smolkovich Charlotte Fulton

**A Look Ahead**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, January 27**

8:00 am +Tom Denault (Darren & Hollie Lovell)  
 +Jim Gray (Pat Gray) (SMM)

**Tuesday, January 28**

8:00 am +Don St. Germaine, Sr. (Jerome Schnieder) (SH)

**Wednesday, January 29**

8:00 am +Donald Smith (The Family) (SJ)

**Friday, January 31**

8:00 am +Bob Deany (Leo & Rita Welln)  
 +Primo Bolvere (Jackie Eberle) (SMM)

**Saturday, February 1**

5:00 pm +Bill Fritz (Elsie Fritz) (SMM)

**Sunday, February 2**

7:30 am For All the Parish Family (SH)  
 9:00 am +Eunice Saathoff (Noreen Saathoff)  
 + Alvin Saathoff (Noreen Saathoff) (SJ)  
 10:30am +Dr. Dubravec (The Family)  
 +Dale Siedentop (The Family) (SMM)

**Sunday, Jan. 26—RE Classes**  
**Monday, Jan. 27—Knights of Columbus 7pm**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 28—SJ Parish Council 7pm (changed date)**  
**Sunday, Feb. 2—RE Classes**  
**Sunday, Feb. 2—Youth Ministry at SMM after mass**  
**Friday, Feb. 7—First Friday Adoration / Benediction SMM**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11—SH CCW 6:30 pm**  
**Monday, Feb. 17—SH Parish Council 7 pm**

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 SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreefarm@aol.com  
 St. James— Mary Offerman–602-670-8888 (call or text)



**Sunday Collections**  
**Jan. 18-19, 2020**

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,468  
St. James—\$1,092  
Sacred Heart—\$869

**Thank you for your generosity**

**ALL PARISHES-**

⇒ All senior citizens are welcome to join us at the Senior Luncheon at 11 am on Wednesday, February 12 at Harvestview Senior Living. There will be a free will donation. Call Jackie if you plan to attend at 815-421-4040.



⇒ 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.



**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.
- ◆ Ladies, please be thinking about who you would like to nominate for the CCW's Woman of the Year. Coming soon will be a box in the back of the church to put your nominations in.

**Sacred Heart—**

- ◆ Thank you to the men who spent the day pulling up the carpet at SH this past week and to all who helped clear the altar in preparation for the carpet removal. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**St. James—**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of**

**+Rita Deany**



Mother of Diane (Pete) Denault  
Marcia (Donald) Wagner

**May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
rest in peace. Amen**

**Our sincere sympathy to her family.**

**A Stewardship Moment—  
Weekend of January 25-26, 2020**

In today's Gospel Jesus begins his ministry of healing, proclaims the kingdom of God and calls his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, and then the sons of Zebedee, James and John. Those first disciples might have preferred to keep their jobs, remain with their families and stay with the life they knew. Remarkably, though, all four of these people, just as they are, follow after this stranger who interrupts their daily routine. When they see Jesus and hear his words to them, they make a different choice. They take a risk, step out in faith, leave behind that which is comfortable and secure. They choose to follow Jesus. How far are we willing to go to leave the comfort and security of the life we know to follow Jesus?

**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?





**Saint of the week:** St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274). Thomas is thought to be one of the greatest theologians of the Church following St. Paul and St. Augustine. At the age of 5 he was sent to the Benedictine Abbey at Monte Casino by his mother who hoped he would one day be the abbot there. Thomas later joined the Dominicans over the objections of his family. He studied under St. Albert the Great and was ordained a priest at Cologne, Germany in 1248. For the next several years he taught in Paris, Rome, and Naples. He taught that faith and reason help us to arrive at certain conclusions. His greatest works was the Summa Theologica. In it he wrote "We must say that for the knowledge of any truth whatsoever man needs divine help. But he does not need a new light added to his natural light, in order to know the truth in all things, but only in some that surpasses his natural knowledge." He died in 1274, was canonized in 1323, and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1567. His feast day Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Obscure saint of the week:** St. Kentigerna (d. 734). She was a widowed hermitess, mother of St. Coellán and daughter of Kelly, the prince of Leinster, Ireland. When her husband died she went to Inchbroida Island in Loch Lomand, Scotland. A church there is dedicated to her memory. Her feast day January 7<sup>th</sup>.

On the insert is an article from a friend of mine. He recently went to Cambodia and Vietnam to work with orphans. Brother John Kachinsky is a Marist Brother. He and I went to junior high and high school together. We were born on the same day just several hours apart.

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**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.factsmgmt.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.