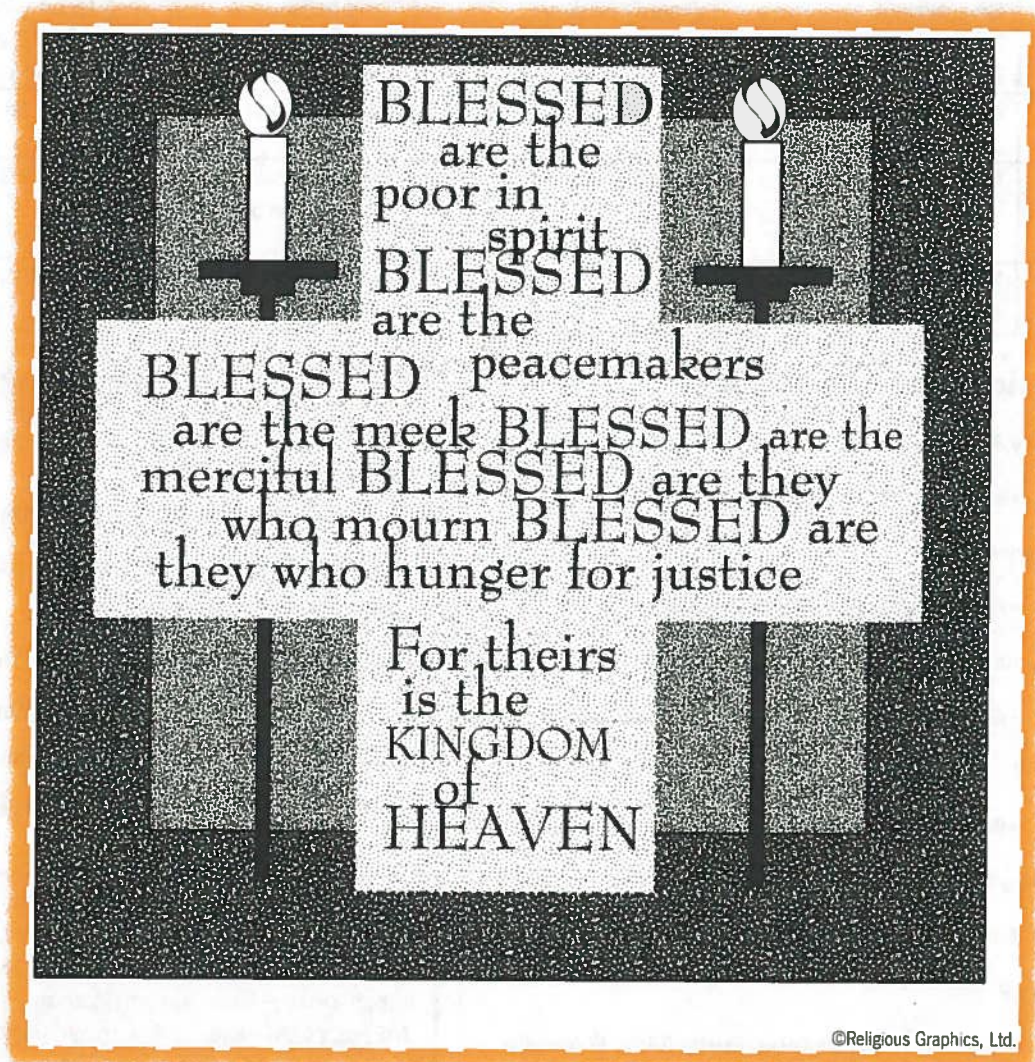


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



The Presentation of the Lord

February 1-2, 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: “ “If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave.”
 – Fulton J. Sheen

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8-9, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Feb. 9 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Feb. 9 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Feb. 9 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Father Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Gery Wright Roger Jensen Robbie Landeck	Dale Pfeiffer Dennis Pankey	Jerry Ogrentz Todd Mesewicz Bee Papineau Dallas Ferris	Larry Wolles Jeremy Wolles Nick Zerebny Steve Hertz
Lector	Rob Landeck	Terri Weakley	Andy Hansen	Steve Jacob
Communion Ministers	Robbie Landeck	Deacon Ron	Todd Mesewicz Darwin Peerbolte	Wayne Bisailon
Servers	Xander Buza Charlotte Fulton		Gwen Jackubowski	Bella Eich Kayla Scanlon

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 3

8:00 am +Bill Fritz (Dave & Ellen Emling) (SMM)

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 am +Phyllis Buza (Shirley St. Germaine) (SH)

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 am +Gerald O'Connor (Mr./Mrs. Dan O'Connor) (SJ)

Friday, February 7

8:00 am +Butch Lambert (Roger/Margaret Jensen) (SMM)

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

7:30 am +Ryan & Renee Gagnon, Curtis Riley, & Arvella DalCanton (The Family)

+Ted Wheeler (Jackie Cross) (SH)

9:00 am +Floyd Tobenski (Geri Tobenski) (SJ)

10:30am +Cindy Frerichs (Warren & Kari Monk)

+Marge Heeler (Tom & Bernice Hughes) (SMM)

A Look Ahead

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

Thursday, Feb. 20—Community Quilters 9 am SJ

Monday, Feb. 24—Knights of Columbus 7 pm SJ

Tuesday, Feb. 25—Family Day Fat Tuesday SMM

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Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669

Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048

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 IS GREAT**

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Sunday Collections
Jan. 25-26, 2020

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,454	Latin America—\$581
St. James—\$1,065	Latin America- \$402
Sacred Heart—\$862	Latin America- \$245

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.



Welcome to Declan Edward O'Connor, son of Chad and Rebecca O'Connor who was baptized at St. James on January 5.

Adults and teens are invited to attend a "Suicide Symposium" on Saturday, February 15 from 1PM till 3PM, sponsored by St. John Paul II Parish at the Settles Center, 956 S. 10th Ave in Kankakee.

Speakers are Father John Horan and Dr. Brandon H. Myers, and the afternoon will include talks on Suicide Awareness and How to Respond, breakout sessions and questions and answer time. There is no charge for the event.

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—

St. James—

Thank you to Reatta Gohlke, our sponsor of the February children's bulletins. Reatta is sponsoring the bulletins in memory of her husband, Fred.



Sacred Heart Catholic Education Scholarship fundraising season is starting!

- **Pennies From Heaven:** There is a jug in the entrance of the church - please donate your pennies (or any of your change). All of the money collected benefits the scholarship.
- **Crunch for a Cause:** The date will hopefully be in April - watch the bulletin for further information
- **Garage Sale:** June 18-21 at 835 N. Edgemere, Bourbonnais. All donations welcome. Just drop donations off in the parish hall or call Rhonda 815/935-8669 or Jamie 815/278-9520 for pick-up.
- **Gift Card Tree Raffle:** Anyone wishing to donate a gift card - please see a committee member (Cindy, Jamie, Jackie or Rhonda).
- Remember to mark your calendar for our luncheon/ice cream sundae bar: July 19, 2020!

Watch the bulletin for details on these and other events!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
+Ted Wheeler

Brother of Jackie Cross

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

Saint of the week: St. Blasé. Through the intercession of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. These are the words used for the blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blasé. We know very little about him other than he was the bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia. There is the story of an anxious mother who hurried to St. Blasé with her little boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blasé called for two candles, lit them, held them in the form of a cross under the child's chin, recited prayers and blessed the boy. Immediately the bone loosened and was removed. Feast day Feb. 3rd.



Obscure saint of the week: Blessed Alois Andritzki (1914-1943). One of six children born to Johann Andritzki Kantor, a school teacher, and Magdalena Andritzki. Ordained on July 30, 1939 in the diocese of Dresden-Meissen, Germany. Arrested by the Gestapo for producing Christmas plays which were described as having "hostile statements" against the Nazi regime. He died in the Dachau concentration camp as a martyr. Feast day Feb. 3rd.

The Meaning of the Mass Part 1

THE ORDINARY PLAYED OUT ON HEAVEN'S STAGE

For those who miss the mark about what the Mass truly is, there is usually one of two responses: aggravated indifference or ceremonial reverence. In a strange way, both are connected in that they come from a place of longing and a position of need. All of us hunger for something to fill the God-sized hole in our hearts. Some challenge the Almighty to impress or entertain them and then withdraw when the Savior turns them down. Others go through the motions of the Mass, happy in that comfortable, safe, sacred space they have always known but unaware of the depths of experience that could be theirs. If only these ordinary believers would step into the realms of grace that God poured out upon the world when he put on skin and gave up his life for the sake of his people. There is so much waiting for those who are willing to participate in the heavenly joy that unfolds before us every time the Church celebrates the Mass.

From the very first moment we walk into the church, dipping our fingers in the holy water and then making the sign of the cross, we are choosing to stand before the God of heaven as those who have been raised up from the depths of sin by the waters of our baptism. Rather than being spectators entering an arena to view a series of rituals, we are instruments of righteousness, preparing to play a unified song of salvation before God. As we kneel in reverent prayer or stand and sing the sacred hymns of our faith, we express our hunger and our joy. As we respond in jubilant praise to the holy word and the prayers or humbly strike our breast to acknowledge our Creator who removes our unworthiness before the Body and Blood of Christ, we are transformed.

We are changed from ordinary men and women into sacred sons and daughters who have been blessed to approach the throne of grace and mercy unafraid.

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HAPPENING AROUND US:

St Lawrence Church in South Wilmington will be holding it's "Come 11 / Viva Las Vegas" themed event the 11th Annual Nite at the Races on Saturday, March 14th at the Legion Hall in Gardner. There will be 10 horse races with lots of cheering, music, and fun. Doors will open at 5:00pm with the first race at 6:30pm. Your \$10 admission fee will get you \$10 in "funny money" that can be used for food (Italian Beef, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs and Chili), race tickets, placing your bet or live auction items. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Bring your friends and enjoy the night

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?