

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



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **February 8-9, 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: "The World offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."  
 ~Pope Benedict XVI

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15-16, 2020**

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Feb. 15 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Feb. 16 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Feb. 16 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Feb. 16 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Father Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Dave Emling Jason Piper Todd Datweiler	Duane Ferris Kyle Ferris	Arlen Hansen Rick White Bee Papineau Jerry Ogrentz	Connor Powers Bill Powers Corey Eich Chad Schoolman
Lector	Jackie Eberle	Rhonda Berns	Mary Peerbolte	Julie Splear
Communion Ministers	Rob Landeck	Jamie Beedle	Reatta Gohike Deacon Ron	Karen Rushman
Servers	Xander Buza		Hannah Reese	Garrett Smolkovich

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, February 10**

8:00 am +Laura Jensen (Mary & Charles Frederichs (SMM))

**Tuesday, February 11**

8:00 am +Susan Soucie (John & Vicki Brinkman) (SH)

**Wednesday, February 12**

8:00 am +Bob Ducat (Leroy & Maureen Ducat) (SJ)

**Friday, February 14**

8:00 am +Theresa & Oliver Fritz, Family & Friends (SMM)

**Saturday, February 15**

5:00 pm +Brian Buckley (Tom & Bev Buckley)  
 +Dolores Fitch (Shirley St. Germaine) (SMM)

**Sunday, February 16**

7:30 am +Dick Fitch (Knights of Columbus) (SH)  
 9:00 am +Alex Denault (Patrick O'Connor)  
 + Leonard Papineau (Kathy & Bruce Jensen) (SJ)  
 10:30am For All the Parish Family (SMM)

**A Look Ahead**

**Monday, Feb. 10—SH Parish Council 7 pm (date change)**

**Tuesday, Feb. 11—SH CCW 6:30 pm**

**Monday, Feb. 17—SMM CCW Ladies Night 7pm**

**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**

**Friday, Feb. 28—SMM Men's Club Fish Fry**

**Saturday, Feb. 29—First Reconciliation 10am SJ & SMM**

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 St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443  
 Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669  
 Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048  
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 SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreefarms@aol.com  
 St. James— Mary Offerman—602-670-8888 (call or text)

Your faith rests  
 not on human wisdom  
 but on the power  
 of GOD



**Sunday Collections**  
Feb. 1-2, 2020

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,591  
St. James—\$1,673  
Sacred Heart—\$1,241

**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.



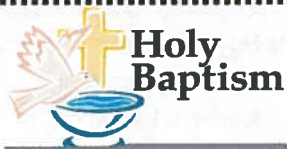
⇒ During this cold and flu season, we will discontinue hand shaking as a sign of peace. Head nods and saying “peace be with you” will be less likely to spread germs. Also, due to the cold and flu season, we will only be distributing the Body of Christ during Communion time until further notice.

⇒ Anyone wishing to receive a statement for donations to the church in 2019 for taxes, please contact the church office at



**A Stewardship Moment—  
Weekend of February 8-9, 2020**

In this weekend’s readings and psalm, the prevailing theme is that of light: We are the light of the world; our light breaks forth like the dawn; our light shines in the darkness; our light reflects generosity and justice. Good stewards know they are the lamp, and Christ is the flame that, through them, illuminates the earth. They know that they carry Christ’s light in their hearts, and let it shine through their words and deeds. What are we doing to shine Christ’s light on the hungry, the homeless and others most in need of God’s mercy? How do we exercise good stewardship over the light of Christ that burns within each of us?



Welcome to Declan Riordan,  
son of Sean & Andrea  
Riordan who was baptized at  
St. Margaret Mary on  
02-02-2020.

**Parish News:**

**St. Margaret Mary—**

- ◆ Nominate your choice for the CCW’s Woman of the Year. Place names in the box in the vestibule of the church.
- ◆ Ladies come out to be pampered! It’s Ladies Night—5 minute massages, make your own bath salts, chocolate fondue—Mon., Feb 17 at 7pm . Hope to see you there!

**Sacred Heart—**

- **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 Catholic Education scholarships.

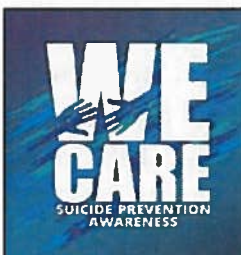
**St. James—**

**Voter Registration**

It is hard to believe that millions of Christians/Catholics do not bother to vote. Is it any wonder that we have legislators in Illinois who have no fear of voting for laws that destroy the lives of innocent babies during all nine months of pregnancy?

Edmund Burke said, “All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” If you have changed your address, changed your name, or turned 18 then you need to update your registration, or register for the first time.

The deadline to register is February 19, twenty-seven days before the March 17 primary. Or you can register online until March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Board of Election website <http://www.dupageco.org/election>. You can go to this website at this address for any questions. PLEASE don’t be indifferent. We need every person of faith to be ready to vote on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

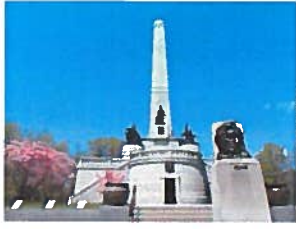


Adults and teens are invited to attend a “Suicide Symposium” on Saturday, February 15 from 1PM till 3PM, sponsored by St. John Paul II Parish at the Settles Center, 956 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave in Kankakee.

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.

## Lincoln's Tomb



Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809 in poverty. His father was uneducated and never learned to read or write. He was able to sign his name but didn't see value in an education. At the age of nine Abraham's mother died from drinking milk from a cow that ate poisonous plants. Shortly after his mother was buried his father abandoned Abraham and his twelve year old sister in search of a new wife. He was absent from his family for seven months. When Abraham's new stepmother returned with his father she found the children living like animals: wild, ragged and dirty. She found them in the family cabin with a dirt floor and no doors or windows.

Abraham had a quest for learning but had very little formal education. He would walk for miles to borrow a book and read it by candlelight. At the age of twenty-one he left his father's home and moved to New Salem, Illinois where he got a job as a clerk and bookkeeper in a general store. At the time New Salem was comprised of a few hundred people, fifteen log cabins, a tavern, a church, a blacksmith, a schoolmaster, a preacher, and a general store. But it was here that he launched his political career. He said he would give it 5 or 6 tries to be elected to office before he would deem it a disgrace. He lost the first five elections he ran it but on the 6th attempt he was elected to a seat in the state legislature. This election laid the way for the presidency. In 1860 he was elected the 16th president of the United States.

It was on April 15, 1865 he was assassinated at Ford's Theater in Washington. Today he is entombed in an elaborate mausoleum in Springfield. There is a sense of awe and respect as you walk through the hallways memorializing his life. He had a love for his country and wanted to preserve the Union at any cost even if that meant his life. If you have not had the chance to pay your respects to this "giant among men" I would recommend a trip to Springfield to see this and the many other Lincoln sites open to the public. By the way, it is considered good luck to touch the nose of Lincoln on the bust outside the entrance to his tomb.

Saint of the week: Saints Cyril and Methodius. Sts. Cyril and Methodius were brothers who became missionaries to the Slavic people. The strength of the Slavic people's faith goes back to the missionary efforts of these holy brothers. Cyril was a monk and a priest, and Methodius was governor of a Slav colony, and later became a monk, abbot, and bishop. Their efforts and courageous acts have enriched the spiritual lives of the people of Bulgaria, Bohemia, Poland, and the Balkan Peninsula. Feast day: Feb. 14th.



Obscure saint of the week. St. Valentine. Priest in Rome, possibly a bishop. Physician. Imprisoned for giving aid to martyrs in prison, and while there converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer's daughter. Feast day: Feb. 14th.

Herscher Athletic Booster Club presents: Trivia Night! Saturday, February 22, 2020 6-10 pm at the Herscher Legion Teams must be preregistered! Contact Susan Feller: 815.735.6171 \$200 per team (teams can consist of up to 10 players) Entry fee includes: trivia contest, pizza and snacks. Cash bar available. Raffles & basket raffles throughout the night. All proceeds benefit Herscher High School Athletics.

*If you don't have a team but would like to play, let us know! We may have space for additional players*