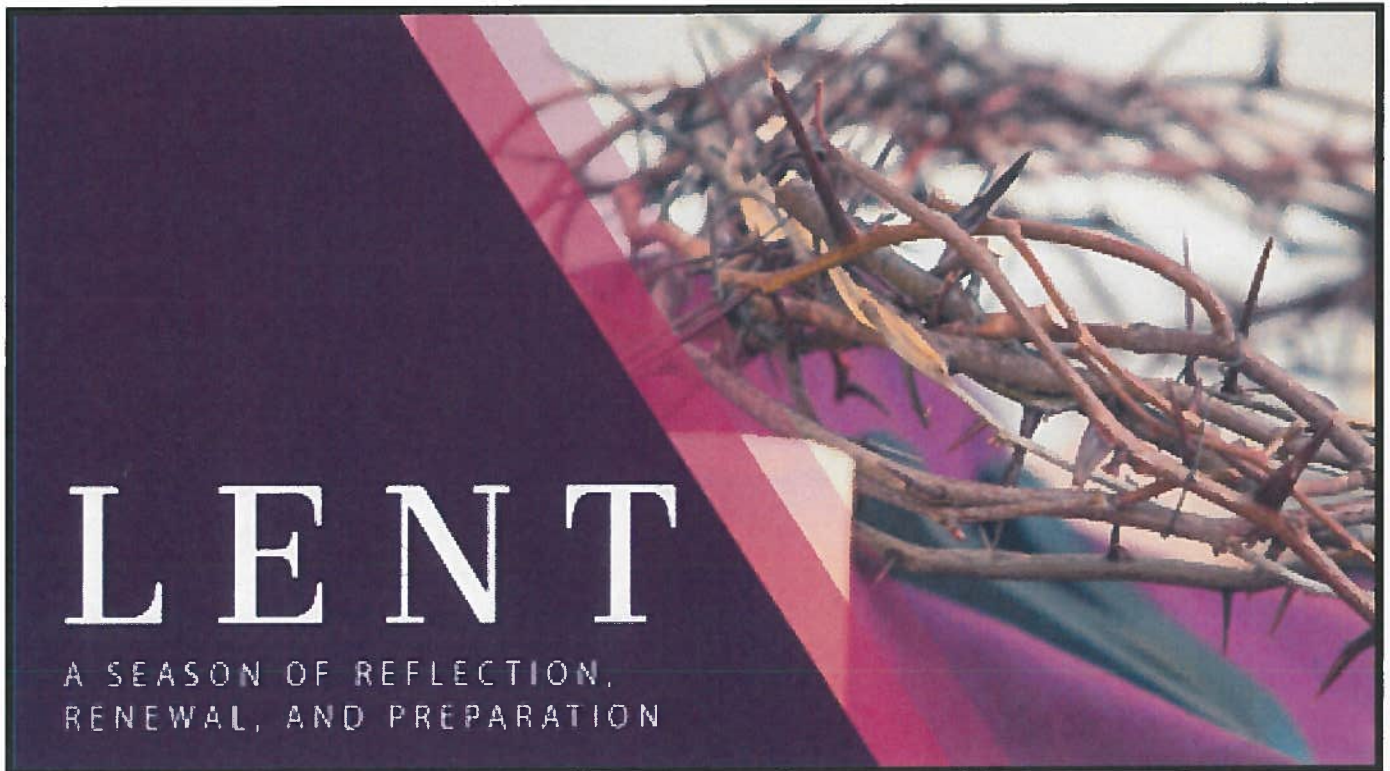


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 29-March 1, 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

View bulletins online at [www.triparishcatholics.org](http://www.triparishcatholics.org)

Quotable: "Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

- Pope Benedict XVI

## Second Sunday of Lent March 7-8, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, March 7 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, March 8 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, March 8 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, March 8 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Father Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Dave Emling Roger Jensen Todd Datweiler	Duane Ferris Dennis Pankey	Rick White Bee Papineau Jerry Ogrentz Dallas Ferris	Connor Powers Bill Powers Corey Eich Jeff Long
Lector	Jackie Eberle	Cindy Gagnon	Dave Ladehoff	Corinn Wheeler
Communion Ministers	Jackie Eberle	Terri Weakley	Natalie Mesewicz Deacon Ron	Susan Feller
Servers	Charlotte Fulton		Hannah Reese	Garrett Smolkovich Bella Eich

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, March 2

8:00 am +Agnes Fleischauer (The Family)  
Geneva Koerner (Jackie Eberle) (SMM)

#### Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am +Raymond Berns (Joe & Rhonda Berns) (SH)

#### Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am +Doug & Dorothy Jordan (Geri Tobenski)  
+Harold Cailteux (Noreen Saathoff) (SJ)

#### Friday, March 6

8:00 am +James Scanlon (Cathy & Gery Wright) (SMM)

#### Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm +Theresa Gualandi (Carol Ader & Family)  
+Jacqueline Serene (Larry Serene Family) (SMM)

#### Sunday, March 8

7:30 am +Walter Pieszka (Deacon Ron /Cindy Gagnon) (SH)  
9:00 am +Mary "Vincie" Quinlan (The Borschnack Family)  
+Thomas C O'Connor (Jerry/Donna Bernicky) (SJ)  
10:30am For All the Parish Family (SMM)

### A Look Ahead

Friday, March 6—First Friday Adoration at SH

Tuesday, March 10—SH CCW meeting 7:00

Sunday, March 15—Parent meeting 1st Communion  
SMM

Sunday, March 15—Spring Forward Party SJ 11:15 am

Monday, March 16—SH Parish Council 7 pm

Thursday, March 19—Community Quilters

Sunday, March 22—No RE at SJ and SMM

Thursday, March 26—Night in Italy at SMM 5-7pm

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## Sunday Collections

Feb. 22-23, 2020

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 1,491

St. James—\$1,151

Sacred Heart—\$1,015

Thank you for your generosity

### ALL PARISHES-

⇒ **Food for Families:** The Knights of Columbus is collecting non-perishable food items to help feed the poor and homeless in our area. There will be a container in in each church to collect these items. Please help us feed those in need. Thank you!!  
“For I was hungry and you gave me food...” **Matthew 25:35**

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



Sacred Heart Church will be celebrating their 125th Centennial on Sunday June 14th, 2020. As part of the festivities, we will be having a 12 noon Mass with celebrants Bishop Conlon and or Bishop Pates, followed by a catered meal. We will be sending out an RSVP letters soon. Anyone who is not a member of the parish are welcome and will be able to call with their RSVP to the Herscher office.

### A Stewardship Moment— Weekend of Feb. 29—March 1

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

Thank you to Darlene Bertrand, our sponsor of the March children's bulletins in memory of JoAnn Bertrand Bosman.



### Parish News:

#### St. Margaret Mary—

- Congratulations to Karen Rushman, our woman of the year from SMM's Council of Catholic Women. Karen will be honored at the annual Mass on April 25, 2020 at Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.
- Mark your calendars for our **Night in Italy** which will be held on **Thursday, March 26** from 5-7. There are signup sheets in the back of the church for food items we will need that night.

#### Sacred Heart—

- Congratulations to Darlene Cipcich, our CCW's Woman of the Year.
- **Sacred Heart CCW's Spring Luncheon** will be Thursday April 16th at 11:30am. at the church hall. It is our main fundraiser, and because of your sacristy. We would appreciate any donations of door or raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be available in the coming weeks. Thanks so much for your help.
- The Sacred Heart Religious Ed is collecting non-food items for Gift of God Shelter during Lent. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### St. James—

- Our Spring Forward event is a St. Patrick's Day theme this year and will be held on Sunday, March 15 at 11:15am in the church hall. If you would like to volunteer, please check the bulletin board in the foyer for opportunities.
- Our Lenten giving project this year is for the Living Alternatives Center in Kankakee. They are a pregnancy resource center offering counseling, classes, and testing. We will be collecting needed items (see flyer for ideas) throughout Lent in the church entrance.

**St. Margaret Mary will celebrate our 150th Anniversary on Oct. 11, 2020. Please put this on your calendar. We will be sending an RSVP letter in the near future. Watch the bulletin for more information.**

WE WALK THE ROAD TO EASTER



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The Meaning of the Mass Part 4  
WE RECEIVE...WE ARE SENT

Before we receive the Eucharist we "dare to say" the Lord's Prayer, acknowledging our worth before our God we call Father, calling for his kingdom to manifest it-self in our lives, asking for forgiveness as we have been forgiven, and pleading to be spared from the snares of the devil. How wonderful it is that we are summoned to surrender our daily lives to his care and to carry on the love he has shown us in how we forgive and how we live. It is why we are led to reconcile with our brothers and sisters with a sign of peace, why we call for mercy before the Lamb of God, and why we cry out in joy with the spirit of the centurion, "Lord, I am not worthy...but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Only after we have heard the word, witnessed the consecra-tion, prayed together, and examined the depths of our hearts can we come before the Eucha-rist and offer our "Amen," our sacred submission to the One we receive with thanksgiving, in unity with our brothers and sis-ters in the body of believers to which we belong.

Nourished by the word and the Eucharist, we are sent forth as the Church united to take the gospel of love to a hurting and lost world. All activities, gestures, and sacred movements have brought us from the throne of heaven to the door of the world. The Mass is our beauti-ful act of submission and thanksgiving, strengthening and sending forth. The more we grasp the power and purpose of our worship, the more the rituals and forms of the Mass will have meaning for us. The more too will we celebrate these sacred mysteries before our God with reverence, humility, and great joy. Let us pray that all believers will come to recognize the glory we ex-perience every time we celebrate the Eucharist and in every way we live it out in our lives.

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Again this week there are no solemnities or obligatory saint memorials but there are two minor feasts that occur.

**Saint Katharine Drexel:** Daughter of the extremely wealthy railroad entre-preneurs and philanthropists Francis Anthony and Emma (Bouvier) Drexel. She was taught from an early age to use her wealth for the benefit of oth-ers; her parents even opened their home to the poor several days each week. Katharine's older sister Elizabeth founded a Pennsylvania trade school for orphans; her younger sister founded a liberal arts and vocational school for poor blacks in Virginia. Katharine nursed her mother through a fatal three-year illness before setting out on her own; Emma died in 1883.



Interested in the condition of Native Americans, during an audience in 1887, Katharine asked Pope Leo XIII to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend, Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you be-come a missionary?"

She visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux chief, and began her systematic aid to Indian missions, eventually spending millions of the family fortune. Entered the novitiate of the *Sisters of Mercy*. Founded the *Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored*, now known simply as the *Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in*

Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA in 1891. Advised by Mother Frances Cabrini on getting the Order's rule approved in Rome, she received the approval in 1913.

By 1942 she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, 40 mission centers, 23 rural schools, 50 Indian missions, and Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana, the first American University for blacks. Segregationists harassed her work. Following a heart attack, she spent her last twenty years in prayer and meditation. Her shrine at the mother-house was declared a National Shrine in 2008. Her feast day March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Saint Casimir:** Saint Casimir, a fifteenth century Polish prince, the younger son of King Casimir IV of Poland and Elizabeth of Austria, the Grand Duke of Lithuania in 1471, third in line for the throne. lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer, dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy. He had a great devotion to Mary, supported the poor, and lived a virtuous life amid the dissolute court.

Hungarian nobles prevailed upon Casimir's father to send his 15-year-old son to be their king; Casimir obeyed, taking the crown, but refusing to exercise power. His army was outnumbered, his troops deserting because they were not paid. Casimir returned home, and was a conscientious objector from that time on.

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## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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"Often

IN MY DESIRE TO WORK FOR OTHERS

I FIND MY HANDS TIED, SOMETHING HINDERS MY CHARITABLE DESIGNS, SOME HOSTILE INFLUENCE RENDERS ME POWERLESS, MY PRAYERS SEEM TO AVAIL NOTHING, MY KIND ACTS ARE REJECTED, I SEEM TO DO WRONG THINGS WHEN I AM TRYING TO DO MY BEST.

IN SUCH CASES I MUST NOT GRIEVE.

I AM ONLY TREADING IN MY Master's steps."

— ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

WORD  
AND  
FIRE



At each of our three parishes there are stands of candles for anyone to use. Please light a candle for a special intention you might have. These could include, but not limited to an upcoming surgery, someone who has passed away, prayers for spiritual healing or anything or anyone you would like to remember. There is a slot in the stand for a free will donation to help offset the cost of the candles.

It's not what you give up.  
**It's who you become.**



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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER  
 FOR MARCH

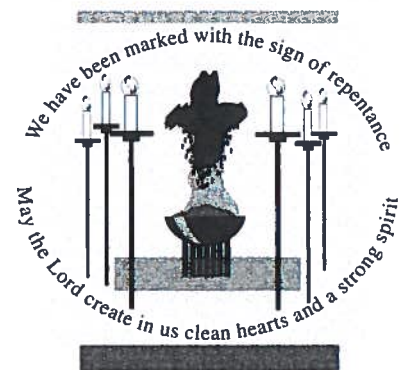


God of mercy,  
 you have given us this special time  
 to reflect on our lives,  
 believe in the Good News  
 and draw closer to you.  
 May this season of Lent  
 help us be good stewards  
 of this time:  
 to fast and pray,  
 be more generous  
 and show others  
 how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season  
 as a new opportunity  
 to renew our lives  
 and gain a deeper appreciation  
 of Your active presence  
 in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your  
 face in others,  
 especially the poor  
 and those who suffer.  
 And through your Spirit,  
 enkindle in us the fire of Your love  
 so that we may be better stewards  
 of Your redeeming work  
 throughout the world.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
 Your Son, in the unity of the  
 Holy Spirit,  
 one God, forever and ever.  
 Amen.

~ICSC E-bulletin



## 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

**Scholarship Opportunity**— The Diocese of Joliet Council of Catholic Nurses is seeking applications for its annual \$500 nursing education scholarship. Applicants should plan to be enrolled in their senior, or final year of a baccalaureate nursing program for fall 2020 and be registered in a Catholic parish in the Joliet Diocese and be an active member participating in the Catholic faith. The deadline for submitting all paperwork is April 1, 2020. Applications documents and specifications can be obtained by emailing Nanci Reiland at [nancirn1@gmail.com](mailto:nancirn1@gmail.com)



### Volunteers Needed!

St. Mary's Volunteer Services invite you to join our team to provide an excellent experience for our patients and their families. We are looking for friendly, energetic men and women that would like to make a difference in our patient and family experience! If you have four hours a week to share, the following volunteer opportunities are available:

- \*Gift Shop—Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 am—2 pm with 30 minute lunch
- \*Concierge—Monday 12 noon—4 pm and Friday 8 am—12 noon
- \*Transporter—Tuesday 8 am—12 noon

We strive to find the perfect position for you! To learn more about these specific volunteer opportunities, contact Volunteer Services at 815.937.2479



CATHOLIC  
SISTERS WEEK

### Our Lady of Peace

#### Please join us for an Open House

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 8, 2020  
1 pm to 3pm

**WHERE:** 2041 W. State Route 113  
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

In honor of Catholic Sisters' Week,  
the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary,  
Our Lady of Peace Community,  
invite you to an Open House at their new Residence.

Visit our website [www.sscm-usa.org](http://www.sscm-usa.org) for more information.



Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Women in Mission

### Attention: Young Adults (ages 20-40)

Are you interested in networking with other young professionals? Looking for experience on a non-profit board? Want to be a member of a fun and rewarding group? Is service work on your to-do-list? If so, the Board of Young Professionals (BOYP) of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet would love to meet you.

The BOYP is an organization of adults (ages 20-40) who are committed to promoting the compassionate works of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and becoming leaders through volunteer service. Join the BOYP today to make a difference in your community. Please contact Ed Kozak, Board of Young Professionals Coordinator, at 815-724-1165 or [ekozak@cc-doj.org](mailto:ekozak@cc-doj.org) for more information and to be sure that you're included in our upcoming introductory meeting!

To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, please visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).



St. Margaret Mary families celebrated Mardi Gras with masquerade masks, yummy food and authentic paczki! Thanks to our families for attending!



Raelynne M and Landon T presided over our parade as queen and king of carnivale!

### Traveling Together Through Lent

*Lent began February 26! What is your plan for Lent this year?*



Let's do this together! Come for one hour a week to share your reflections on the significance of these Lenten days for us in our time. Participants will use "The Word Among Us" with its daily reflections. This booklet will be provided. There will be three sites for your convenience and Sr. Theresa Galvan, CND, will facilitate these sessions.

Save these Dates for the 2020 Annual Lenten Series!

Tuesdays, March 3, March 17, and March 31:  
St. Anne Church - Mass Chapel from 9 – 10 a.m.

Tuesdays, March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24:  
St. Patrick Convent from 7 – 8 p.m.

Thursdays, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26:  
Maternity BVM Parish Library from 10 – 11 a.m.