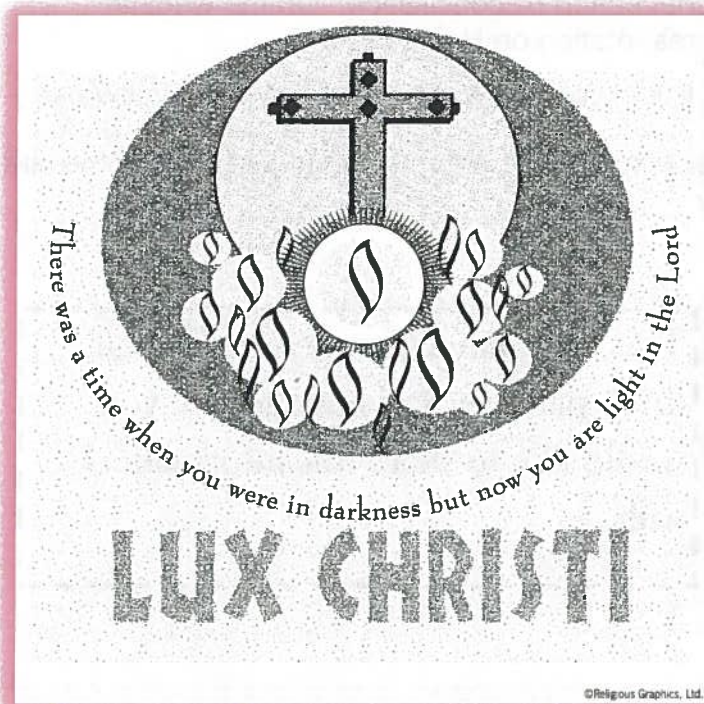


Fourth Sunday of Lent Week of March 22, 2020

The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin



Upcoming Mass Intentions

Monday, March 23

8:00 am +Bob Deany (Madeline Bouchard (SMM)

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am +Susan Soucie (Rebecca, Ray, & Juanita Stenkel) (SH)

Wednesday, March 25

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

Friday, March 27

8:00 am +Butch Lambert (David & Rose Datweiler) (SMM)

Monday, March 30

8:00 am +Bill Fritz (Jerome Schneider) (SMM)

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am +Rusty Denailt (Dr. Waldschmidt) (SH)

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 am +Lorraine Brennan (Lori Ann Bruer) (SJ)

Friday, April 3

8:00 am +Dolores Fitch (F.J. Ahern) (SMM)

Don't forget—weekly offerings for any of the parishes can be sent to the parish office:

St. Margaret Mary
207 E 5th Street
Herscher, IL 60941

Sunday Mass opportunities

St. Patrick's Church in Momence will be sharing Sunday Mass online at: www.stpatrickmomence.org

Please check out a live stream mass at St. John Paul II in Kankakee: www.jp2kankakee.org 9:30am on Sun-



Cancelations and postponements:

- Night in Italy at SMM postponed
- Sacred Hearts Spring Luncheon postponed
- The March 23 program: "Transitions of Life—Personal and Spiritual, at Maternity BVM in Bourbonnais is cancelled. It will be re-scheduled at a later date.
- Life Advocacy Day in Springfield on March 25 is canceled.
- Due to the current world-wide health situation, we are unsure if the usual 3:00 pm Good Friday Service will be held at The Shrine of Christ's Passion. We are also postponing the previously scheduled Volunteer Training Sessions until a later date. Please join us in praying for all those affected by the Corona virus.

From Stacie Powers—Faith Formation

Augustine Institute, a Catholic publishing company that I use for Bible study materials among other things, has offered free access to their online videos, movies, podcasts, etc. I have provided the link here. Please take the time to look into these. Those preparing for sacraments, there are some videos especially for you—Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation. On the webinar yesterday, they especially wanted to promote the presentation on Holy Week.

<https://leaders.formed.org/faith-at-home/> paste this link in your browser and let me know if it works:)

You can use the above link especially for those preparing for sacraments, but to just browse the site and watch or listen to the over 4000 offerings simply

1. Go to formed.org
2. Click the signup button
3. Click the I belong to a parish
4. Choose St. Margaret Mary in the menu
5. Type your name and address
6. Start watching

This is available for members of all three parishes and anyone else you would like to share this information with.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe During COVID-19 Pandemic

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

By Archbishop Jose Gomez

Philippians 4:6,7 ... *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*