

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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Church Mailing Address:

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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: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

~St. Teresea of Avila

Each week of April, we will be asking you to add a special intention to your prayers.

Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 5, 2020

During this week, please add to your daily prayers a special intention for our hospital personnel, doctors, nurses, healthcare providers, and those keeping our hospitals running.

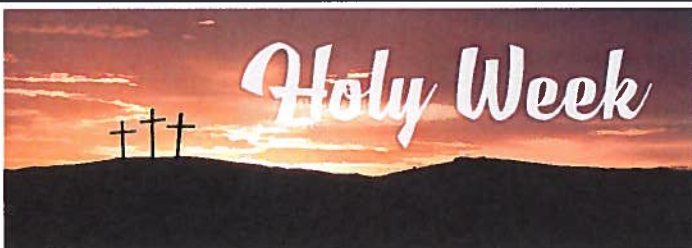
*Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by
the coronavirus.*

*God of all consolation
may they know your protection and peace.
Bless them in these challenging days
and bless their families.
Amen*

During this time of quarantine, we are praying for the health and safety of all our parishioners, their families, and the world. If you are in a position to support your Church by sending in your weekly donation to help with the costs of maintaining our buildings, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Please indicate which parish you are sending your donation in for.



Mail in Collections through
April 2, 2020

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,210

St. James—\$1,043

Sacred Heart—\$862

Thank you for your generosity



The Council of Churches Easter food baskets will be distributed by St. Margaret Mary parish on April 11 from 9-10 am. Please park in the south parking lot

and you will be taken care of. Call Hardware Hank's at 815-426-2113 to request a basket.

Palms – Starting from Palm Sunday, we have the symbol of Palms. When Jesus entered Jerusalem for his final week, the citizens of the town welcomed him with palm branches and leaves. In those times, the palm was a sign of victory and was only used to represent a great deal of respect to the kings.

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Pastoral Letter to the Tri-Parish Community

Palm Sunday Weekend

So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself — nameless, un-reasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and of vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory. And I am convinced that you will again give that support to leadership in these critical days.

These were the famous words used by Franklin Roosevelt during his inaugural address on March 4, 1933. He used these words to reassure the nation in the grim of an economic depression that we have nothing to fear but fear itself.

We are facing a crisis like none other in our lifetimes. Many people are afraid, we see the Stock Market crashing. We hear stories about this virus becoming a worldwide pandemic. Everything around us is shutting down including our churches. People are hoarding food, cleaning supplies, and tissue. Where do we turn and how do we face this national crisis?


In our lifetime we have faced other seemingly overwhelming challenges and have come through it. Do you remember Y2K? People were acting much the way they are now by hoarding food and supplies, some went as far as building bomb shelters because we were afraid that nuclear missiles might launch at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2000. There was panic and even violence in our communities. But as the New Year dawned the planes did not fall out of the skies, missiles did not launch and after people recovered from their Armageddon headaches life resumed as it had been. Then there was September 11, 2001. For the first time we witnessed a massive terrorist attack in our country. More than 3,000 people died, the Stock Market crashed, people were afraid, and for a month the churches were full on Sundays. In every crisis, we as a people have met it and have overcome. Now we face a virus that is potentially deadly. I urge you to take every precaution to avoid coming into contact with the Covid-19 virus. Follow the CDC guidelines, eat healthy meals, wash your hands thoroughly, practice social distancing and avoid crowds whenever possible.

That having been said “social distancing” does not mean being socially distant. During these difficult times we need to be there for one another. Is there a neighbor who is need of assistance? An elderly person who needs something from the store? A sick friend who could use a home cooked meal? While we are being told to remain a safe distance from others physically we are not being told to be distant from them socially. These are times to come together not to be disconnected. Together we will get through this crisis.

It is also during these trying times that we need to connect with our faith. I regret that we have been mandated to close down the church but in the long run it is the responsible thing to do. At the first possible moment we will be resuming mass and other church activities. In the meantime continue to pray and celebrate the Easter mysteries in your hearts and in your homes. Please continue to monitor the Tri-Parish website and Facebook page. If you are able to continue making your Sunday offering, please do so as we have a number of bills to pay. I also want to extend the offer that if anyone needs assistance please contact me. We will handle your situation with confidentiality.

God bless and continue the good fight.

Helping families focus on what matters most...



A Sunday Resource for all Parents!

Tri-parish religious education families: the Diocese of Joliet has created a weekly resource for your families to use at home.

If you do not receive an email with a link to this resource, please contact your director of religious education.

Don't forget to like the Tri-Parish Catholics Facebook page for timely information and links to live streamed masses throughout our Diocese.



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 Reconcil-

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



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2. Click the signup button
3. Click the I belong to a parish
4. Choose your church by name and zip code in the menu
5. Type your name and address

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 9:00am on