

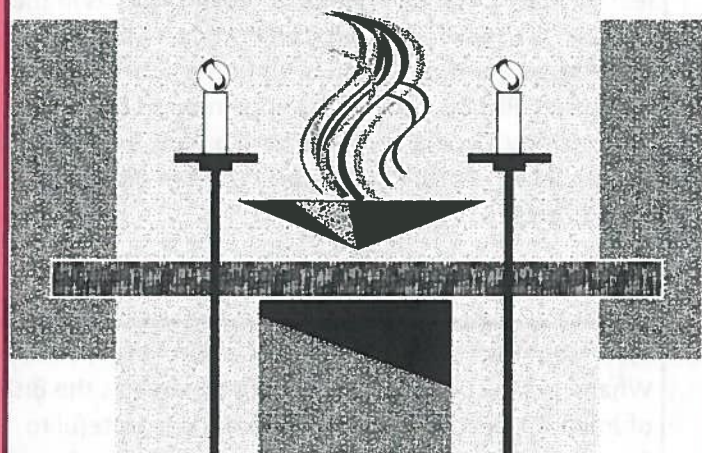
Fifth Sunday of Easter Week of May 10, 2020

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Margaret Mary, Herscher

St. James the Apostle, Irwin

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of the Lord's own,
so that you may announce the praises of
the Lord who called you into the light.



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Week of May 3, 2020**

St. Margaret Mary \$2,149

St. James—\$1,889

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Thank you for your generosity and continued support

All mass intentions for the last few weeks will be rescheduled once we are back on our regular schedule. Thank you for being understanding and cooperative with this rescheduling process.

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.

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

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

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

Prayer Intentions for Week of May 10, 2020 —
On this very unusual Mothers' Day weekend, let us pray for all mothers.

*All-loving God,
we give you thanks and praise
for mothers young and old.*

*We pray for young mothers,
who give life and count toes and tend to
our every need:
May they be blessed with patience and
tenderness
to care for their families and themselves
with great joy.*

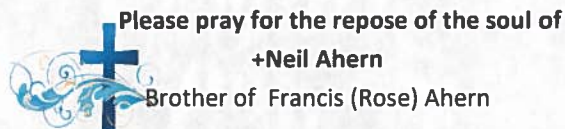
*We pray for our own mothers
who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide
in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated
from their children because of war,
poverty, conflict, or this pandemic;
May they feel the loving embrace of
our God who wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers
but still love and shape us
with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers,
and great grandmothers who are no
longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.*

Amen



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

Our sincere sympathy to his family.

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.

We are the Body of Christ!

<http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo/content1.php?secid=81>

Fifth Sunday of Easter Weekend of May 9/10, 2020

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each other's needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How are we helping to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected during these unsettling times?



(May 4, 2020) – Pope Francis today announced that he has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon as the Bishop of Joliet and appointed Bishop Richard E. Pates, Bishop Emeritus of Des Moines, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese. Bishop Pates has been serving in this capacity while Bishop Conlon has been on medical leave. “On behalf of the entire diocese, I extend to Bishop Conlon heartfelt thanks for the dedicated and effective ministry that he has rendered the Diocese of Joliet during his tenure as its shepherd. We assure the bishop of our continuing prayer especially for his good health. May his retirement be a blessed time. We feel fortunate that he intends to remain with us in the diocese. We look forward to celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving and reception in his honor soon.” Bishop Pates said. Bishop Conlon was appointed to his current post on May 17, 2011 and installed on July 14, 2011. On December 27, 2019, Pope Francis granted Bishop Conlon a medical leave of absence

Statement from Bishop R. Daniel Conlon May 4, 2020 – What a great privilege and blessing to serve as the Bishop of Joliet for the past nine years. Now I am grateful to Pope Francis for accepting my request to resign from that office and move into a new phase of life. 2019 was a challenging year for me. I experienced a lot of stress and fatigue, which I did not always handle well, along with some serious medical issues, plus the death of my best friend. I knew I needed a break. The leave of absence the Holy Father granted me at the beginning of this year was a huge blessing. I experienced personal healing and was able to recognize that, at 71, I am no longer able to carry the burden of leadership of a large diocese. I am very grateful to the people of this diocese, for their faith and the generosity with which they use their gifts for the sake of the Gospel. We are blessed with wonderful priests and deacons, men and women religious and, of course, beautiful lay men and women, young and old. My hope is to continue to live and minister among you and even reside in one of our rectories. Finally, I want to thank the members of the diocesan curia who have worked closely with me to provide leadership and service. They are talented and dedicated people. More recently on the scene is Bishop Richard Pates, who came out of retirement to serve as Apostolic Administrator during my leave of absence and is staying until the Pope appoints a new bishop for the diocese. Thank you, Bishop Pates.

Confident in the love, mercy and power of God, we are always able to “Take Courage.”