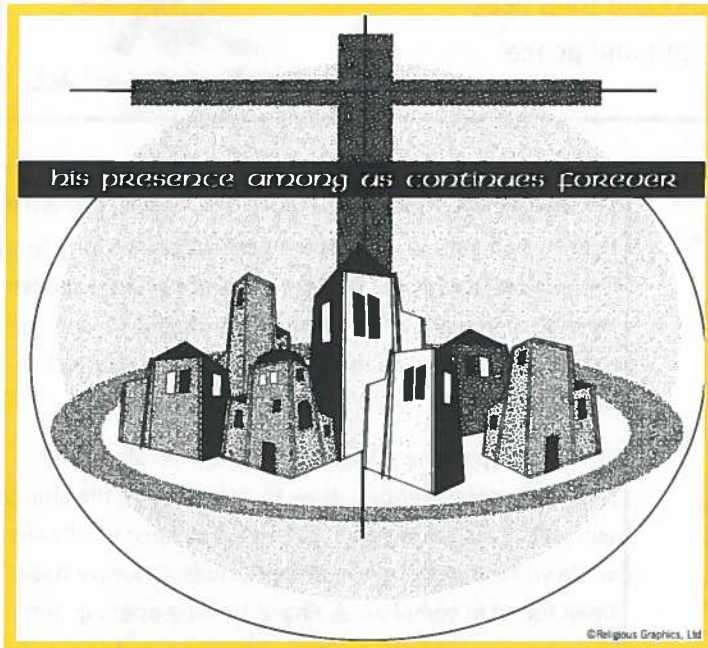


**Seventh Sunday of Easter Week of May 24, 2020**

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



**Mail in Collections  
Week of May 17, 2020**

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,775.00  
St. James—\$ 1,236.00  
Sacred Heart—\$ 1,554.00

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support**



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
+Margaret Donaghue**

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

**Our sincere sympathy to her family.**

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.

Prayer Intentions for Week of May 24, 2020 —  
Please pray for our graduates as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.



Dear God, we thank you that you have indeed given our children great hope and a future. We pray for the days you have purposed for them to walk in, every single one, and ask you to fill them with your spirit and power as they live out their destiny. We ask that you would inspire them to never be afraid to dream big, run strong, and soar high. We pray that nothing be allowed to hold them back in this life. May they fulfill every calling you have on their lives. Strengthen them to live a life of so much love, passion, influence, hope, and determination that this world is changed for the better. May they always know that anything is possible to him who believes, for our God is always greater. May they have a deep desire to serve faithfully and a heart to work hard. Shine over them. Fill them with your spirit. Bless them with your favor and peace. Amen



**The Diocese of  
Joliet will hold its  
Forty-second  
Annual Wedding**

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, please contact the parish office by June 8th so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.**

We need your help! In order for you to receive up to date information regarding masses, please be sure that the parish office has your current phone number and email address. Don't forget to "like" the Triparish Catholics Facebook page as well.

Please contact any of our Prayer Line leaders to get your intentions on the prayer list.

SMM—Pat Wagner 815-592-0773

SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreefarms@aol.com

St. James— Mary Offerman—602-670-8888 (call or text)

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives

For the cause of freedom.

May the examples of their sacrifice inspire

In us the selfless love of

Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops,  
and fill their homes and their lives  
with your strength and peace.



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Seventh Sunday of Easter Weekend of May 24, 2020

In today's second reading, we hear it proclaimed that we are blessed if we share in the sufferings of Christ. What then does it mean to "share in His sufferings" in this context? Most of us do not live in a part of the world where we could be killed for being a follower of Jesus. But we could face or "suffer" mockery, ridicule and disapproval from others. Far too often, and for various reasons, those who profess faith in Christ act as though they are ashamed of him. But to act ashamed is the same as a denial. Stewards of the Good News are never ashamed to reveal their love for the Lord. How do you reveal to others that you are a follower of Christ each day?

Please *Be Kind and Merciful* to those in need.

A mailing has been sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA, if your means allow.

The CMAA helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide vital ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in need, especially during these unprecedented times.

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>

**Reopening Plans**—A committee is being formed to help Fr. Ron get our Triparish Catholic community to be in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet's phased reopening plan. If you are between the ages of 18 & 65 and are interested in being on the committee, please contact Fr. Ron through the church email or the office phone.

The first step of the plan is to get informed about the process to safely reopen. How to clean, set up the church with social distancing and other ways to keep us all safe while worshipping are the first priorities. Once we have been found in compliance, Phase 1 will be opening our churches to weddings, funerals, baptisms, and reconciliation with restrictions in place. Phase 1a is furthering those plans to include adoration. Phase 2 is when public masses could take place and this is only once the governor has lifted the stay at home order.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Bishop Pates will be celebrating a mass especially for those waiting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Adult Initiation into the Church. It will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 31. This is Pentecost Sunday, the day our church celebrates the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles and Mary waiting in the upper room.

Here is the link to the live streamed mass that will be celebrated at St. Raymond's Cathedral.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrnNysq1arBl-yINjrJ1pAA/videos>

Please join this mass in your honor and know that the Bishop is praying for you and looking forward to celebrating with you soon!