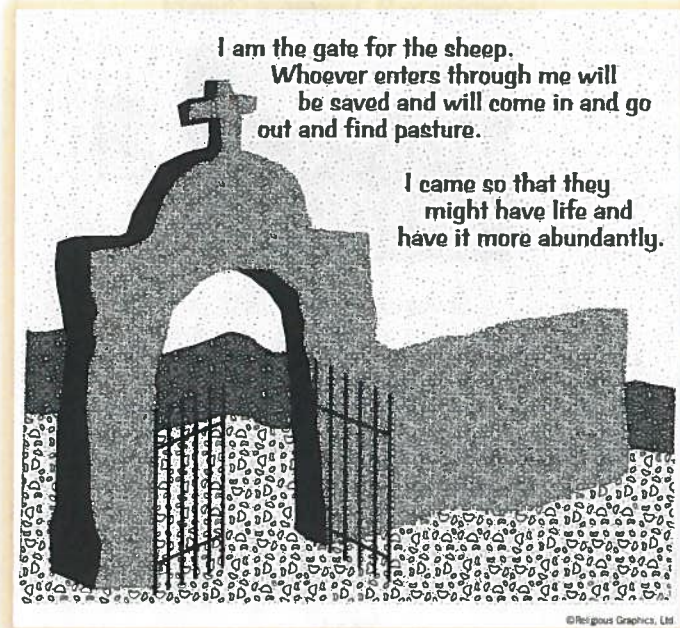


Fourth Sunday of Easter Week of May 3, 2020

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



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.

Mail in Collections  
as of May 3, 2020

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,270  
St. James—\$300  
Sacred Heart—\$230

Thank you for your  
continued support.

Thank you for your generosity

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

Prayer Intentions for Week of May 3, 2020 — Let us pray to Mary, Mother of Jesus. We ask for her prayers for us during this difficult time. May she help us to trust in Jesus, her Son, through her example.

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

*joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every  
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin*

## Make Your Own Rosary Craft Kit

Tri-Parish Family— if you would like to try your hand at making a rosary at home, stop at home by St. Margaret Mary. Kits are available in a tote outside the office door.



**Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry  
is coming to St. Lawrence Church!**



**St. Lawrence Church**

**135 Rice Road in South Wilmington (in the church parking lot)**

**Monday, May 11 from 4-5:30pm (or until food runs out) RAIN OR SHINE!**

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need.

**Participants are asked to stay in their cars.** The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute pre-packed groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

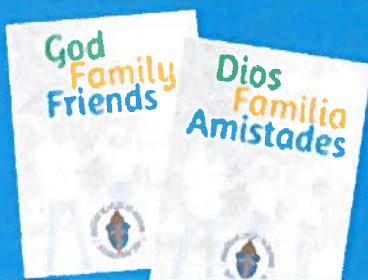
**You do not have to be Catholic to participate.**

**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet helps people of all faiths and beliefs.**

**This Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored by:**

**The Donnelly Family in memory of Arthur Donnelly Sr.**

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>

Fourth Sunday of Easter Weekend of May 2/3, 2020 In today's gospel Jesus tries to describe the trust relationship between himself and his followers using the images of a shepherd and a gate for the sheep. In both cases, it is about who or what the sheep can trust, whether shepherd or path, leading the Lord's followers into a bountiful pasture. As the good shepherd, the sheep hear, follow, flee false shepherds, and are able to discern whom to trust. Good stewards understand that, no matter how much they are confronted by fear and anxiety, the Lord will not abandon those who follow him. Hearing Jesus' voice does not always happen easily, though, even for those who are closest to him. In what ways do we dispose ourselves to listen to the shepherd's voice? What obstacles keep us from hearing the Lord?