

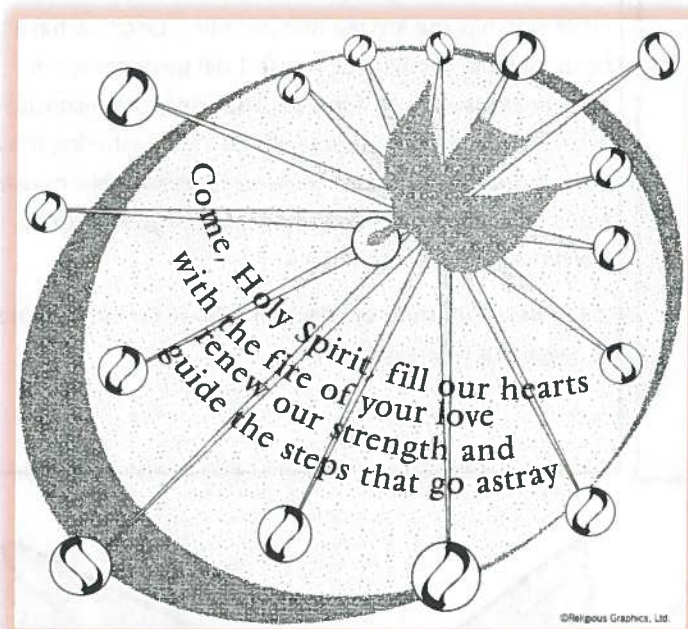
**Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020**

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**

**St. Margaret Mary, Herscher**

**St. James the Apostle, Irwin**

**Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



**Mail in Collections  
Week of May 24, 2020**

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,355.00

St. James—\$ 505.00

Sacred Heart—\$ 750.00

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

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.

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 Jdstreeffarms@aol.com

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

Prayer Intentions for Week of May 31, 2020 —

Please pray for our nation as we begin to reopen in a safe manner.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.



THERE WILL BE FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
on Friday, June 5 at Sacred Heart from  
9 am—5 pm.



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.**

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. Thank you for your support!



**Current Status for CMAA**

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
St. MM	\$10,200		\$7,978
St. James	\$7,100		\$6,365
Sacred Heart	information not available	at this time	

We are excited to announce our first online STRESS-BUSTING FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS program!

This is a wonderful program that provides caregivers with stress management techniques as well as relaxation and coping strategies – please see the attached flyer for details. The program is FREE and caregivers can now enjoy the program from the comfort of their own home.

- ◆ Who: Family caregivers of a loved one with chronic illness
- ◆ What: Multi-component program meets live online 90 minutes a week for 9 weeks  
Groups of up to 8 people maximum
- ◆ Where: Online from the privacy of your home
- ◆ When: Tuesday afternoons beginning June 16th through August 18th, from 2:00-pm 3:30 pm
- ◆ Call for more information or to register:  
Amanda 815-310-5816

**Reopening Plans**—A committee has been formed to help Fr. Ron get our Triparish Catholic community to be in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet’s phased reopening plan. They have had an initial meeting and will be meeting again in the upcoming week.

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.

**A Stewardship Moment— Pentecost Sunday Week of May 31**  
This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the fearful believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us to give us confidence and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God’s channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: “Jesus is Lord.” How do we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us to give us strength, confidence and hope?

**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/UCrnNysq1arBI-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!



**All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!  
Acts 2.4**