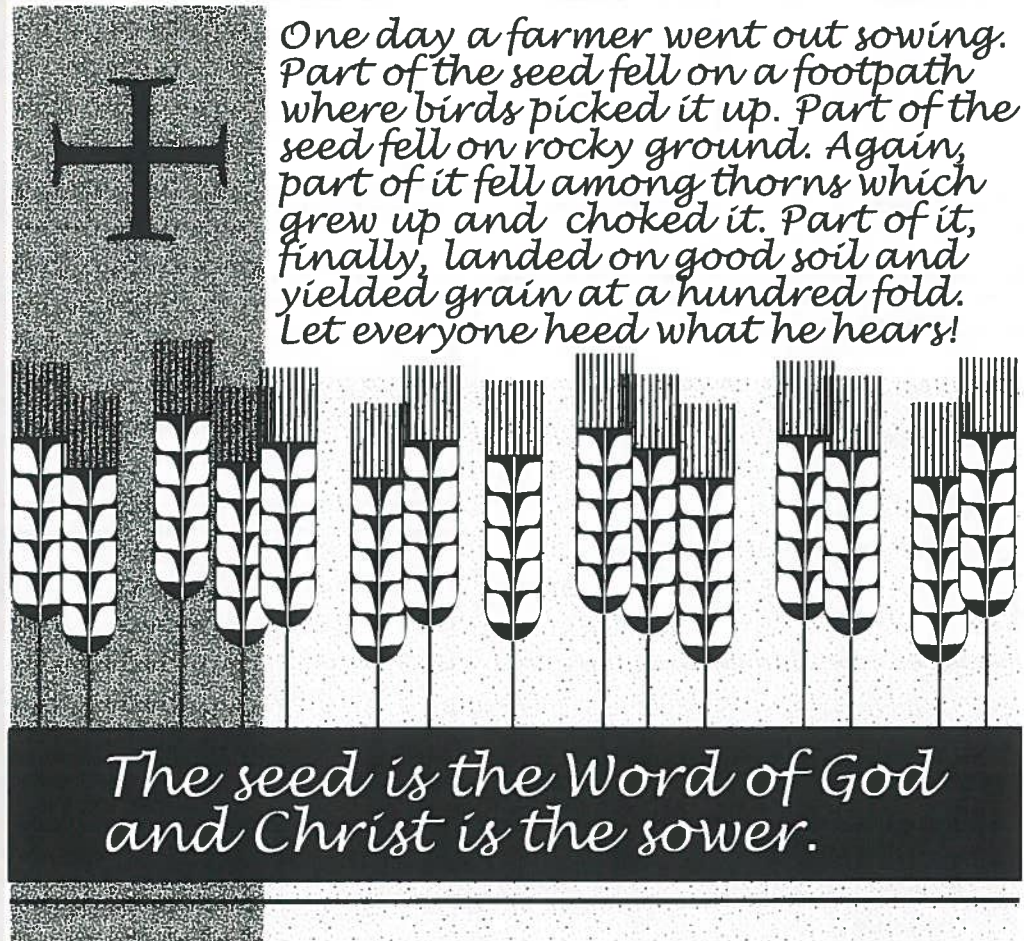


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**  
**St. Margaret Mary, Herscher**  
**St. James the Apostle, Irwin**  
**Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 11-12, 2020**

**Church Mailing Address:**

207 E. 5th Street

Herscher, IL 60941

Phone: 815-426-2550

**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: “ *Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.*” ~Pope Francis

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18-19, 2020

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Saturday, July 18 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Sunday, July 19 7:30 am</b>	<b>St. James Sunday, July 19 9:00 am</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Sunday, July 19 10:30 am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Jason Piper	Dennis Pankey Kyle Ferris	The committee will take care of ushering duties	Galen Fritz Jeremy Wolles Larry Wolles
<b>Lector</b>	Rob Landeck	Terri Weakley	Jeff O'Connor	Corinn Wheeler

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, July 13

8:00 am +Agnes Fleischauer (The Family) (SMM)

#### Tuesday, July 14

8:00 am +Leola Ader (Joe & Rhonda Berns) (SH)

#### Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am +Lorraine Brennan (Lori Ann Bruer) (SJ)

#### Friday, July 17

8:00 am +Tom Denault (Scott Frerichs) (SMM)

#### Saturday, July 18

5:00 pm +Madonna Hoffman (Kendall & Denise Wenzelman)  
+JR Matern (Jackie Eberle) (SMM)

#### Sunday, July 19

7:30 am +Carson Cross (Ann Wheeler) (SH)

9:00 am +Geraldine Tobenski (Joe & Rhonda Berns)

+Bonnie Draper (Mike & Shelly Hertz) (SJ)

10:30am For All the Parish Family (SMM)

### A Look Ahead

Tues., July 21—St. James Parish Council 7 pm

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## Week of July 4-5 - Collections

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,868

St. James—\$1,221

Sacred Heart—\$1,045

Thank you for your generosity

### ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ If there is anyone interested in joining the church, Deacon Ron will be setting up RCIA classes in the near future. If interested or if you know of someone who might be interested, please call the church office—815-426-2550
- ◆ Thank you to everyone for all of your patience and understanding as we navigate through the procedures designed to make all feel safe and stay healthy as we welcome parishioners back into our church buildings for public masses. The people who have volunteered to be on the reopening committees are doing their very best to adhere to the policies given to us by the Diocese of Joliet. Please continue to be patient and understanding.
- ◆ Our religious education programs will be returning to in person instruction in the Fall as well. If you have a new student or a child going into kindergarten, please contact the office through email or by phone and we will pass along your contact information to your church's Director

### Parish News:

#### St. Margaret Mary- Sacred Heart-

- ◆ **Sacred Heart Rectory**—I am looking for a couple of volunteers to help me go through the stuff at Sacred Heart rectory. We need to decide what to keep and what to dispose of. If you are interested please call the office (not the rectory) and we will arrange a day to begin this task. Fr. Ron

#### St. James -

### 9 Good Ways to Produce a Great Crop

1. Plant seeds of love.
2. Plant seeds of joy.
3. Plant seeds of peace.
4. Plant seeds of patience.
5. Plant seeds of kindness.
6. Plant seeds of goodness.
7. Plant seeds of faithfulness.
8. Plant seeds of gentleness.
9. Plant seeds of self-control.



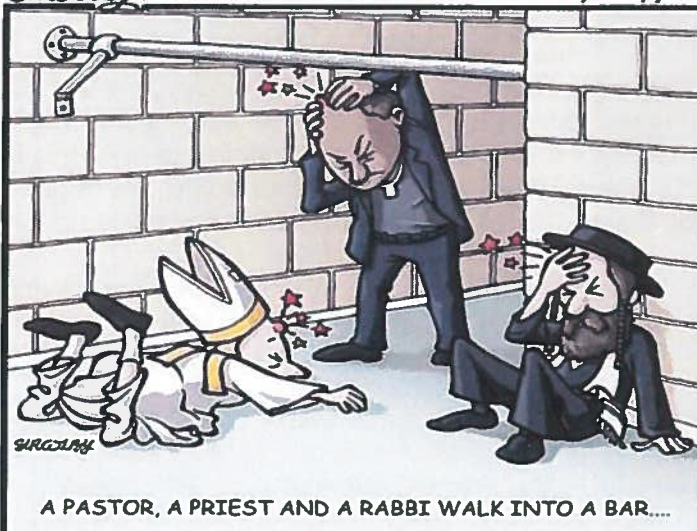
### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of July 11/12 2020

In today's second reading, Saint Paul gives us reason to hope for a wondrous future beyond our imagination. He preaches this hope amidst the suffering of the early Christian communities. "Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). Good stewards realize that by remaining faithful to the Gospel with persistence, fervor and endurance, our hope in the promises of Christ Jesus will be rewarded. Reflect this week on concrete ways you can remain faithful to the Gospel during these challenging times.

We can all use a little humor these days! (thanks Corinn)

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A PASTOR, A PRIEST AND A RABBI WALK INTO A BAR....

As we are slowly entering back into a routine at our parishes, please remember:

- **Masks are required**
- social distancing must be observed
- No missals or hymnals in the pews
- every other pew is available for seating
- ushers will spray hand sanitizer on your hands as you enter church
- no holy water in the fonts
- ushers will escort worshippers in and out of church
- no presentation of the gifts
- if you are not feeling well, please stay home
- Sacred Heart and St. James parishioners may be entering and leaving at different doors

All parishioners are reminded by the Bishop that:

- the dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in force indefinitely
- if you are fearful or have reluctance to return to Sunday observance at this time, you should not do so
- those most susceptible to contracting COVID-19 by virtue of age, medical condition or other vulnerability should not attend the

## Crafting Connections

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet  
Aging & Disability Services  
This event will be LIVE Please online Join Us!  
via Microsoft Teams



Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 @ 1:30PM-3:30PM

Pre-registration is required by Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Please call Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910 to register.

This class is FREE! All needed supplies to paint this beautiful picture will be delivered to your home. We hope to see you there! This event is for Kankakee County residents only.

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

## Kankakee/Iroquois County Back to School Fair: Registration is Now Open!

The annual Back to School Fair serving students from Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, coordinated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2020, from 10:00am to 3:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church (310 Main St. NW) in Bourbonnais. This annual summer event is a major countywide effort to help low-income families' access important services to begin the school year on a positive note.

This year's Back to School Fair has been modified to maintain safe social distancing. School supplies will be distributed in a drive-thru with items placed in each vehicle by Catholic Charities staff.

Pre-registration is required! Visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org) to register as early as possible to reserve your spot!



### Stewardship of our Leisure Time (part 1)

This time of uncertainty really has our personal "worlds" turned upside down. Schedules are no longer the same. Planning has gone awry. Calendars look like a mess. And the rhythm of our days has met a new "abnormal." Many of us have neither the time nor the resources for a vacation, but all of us can resonate with the need to really "get away" from the stress of our daily grind. Good stewardship of our bodies, minds and souls obliges us to get away on a regular basis (see Luke 5:16).

As Christian stewards, we aren't just encouraged but obligated to consider how we approach our stewardship of leisure time. Stewards are aware of their need to be busy doing God's work, but often forget that down time is equally important to spiritual growth. Leisure time, whether it's our evenings, our weekends, or our vacation, provides spiritual, physical, mental and emotional recharging. Leisure is necessary for human wholeness. Leisure reconnects us to the wider mysteries of our world and our God. It helps us daydream, imagine, pray. It refreshes our spirit.



**Saint of the week:** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (July 14) was the daughter of a Christian Algonquin woman captured by Iroquois and married to a non-Christian Mohawk chief. She was orphaned during a smallpox epidemic, which left her with a scarred face and impaired eyesight. She was converted and baptized in 1676 by Father Jacques de Lamberville, a Jesuit missionary. Shunned and abused by relatives for her faith, she escaped through 200 miles of wilderness to the Christian Native American village of Sault-Sainte-Marie. Kateri Tekakwitha took a vow of chastity in 1679. She was known for spirituality, an austere lifestyle, and as a miracle worker. Her grave became a pilgrimage site and place of miracles for Christian Native Americans and French colonists. She was the first Native American proposed for canonization. Her cause was started in 1884 under Pope Leo XIII. The Tekakwitha Conference, an international association of Native American Catholics and those in ministry with them, was named for her.



**Obscure saint of the week:** Blessed Boniface of Canterbury (July 14) was born to the nobility, a member of the ducal House of Savoy. He was the eleventh child of Count Thomas of Savoy, brother of Queen Beatrix of Savoy, and uncle of Queen Eleanor of England. He was a Carthusian monk at the Grande Chartreuse. He became bishop of Belley, France in 1233m, and was chosen archbishop of Canterbury, England by Pope Innocent IV in 1243. He attended the Council of Lyon in 1245. He revised the court, eliminated unnecessary offices in the archdiocese, and worked to get the nearly bankrupt diocese back to fiscal health. He tried to reduce royal meddling in the Church's internal affairs and their control of its appointments. He worked to implement reforms in a number of the monasteries in his diocese, but many refused to recognize him or permit his visits. Some of the disputes actually led to violence, and he was forced to excommunicate some clerics to force compliance. Others, however, welcomed his reform efforts, and were impressed with his personal piety, his charity, and his simple lifestyle. In 1258 he was chosen the leader of a group of kings' counselors who represented the interests of the English barons against the king. In May 1261 he called a council at Lambeth castle which led to declarations explaining that the Church had the right to oppose worldly forces and intervention. However, Pope Urban IV needed the support of King Henry and refused to ratify these decrees.



Boniface went into voluntary exile in France from 1262 to 1266, administering his archdiocese as best he could from across the Channel, and continued to oppose Henry's unilateral appointments to ecclesiastical offices and his taxation of Church property. But he sided with the king on other matters, especially when the barons resorted to civil war. He briefly served as regent of England, and accompanied the king on diplomatic trips to France. Boniface died while trying to settle family business and end feuds between family factions.

Later English historians complained of his excessive involvement in worldly politics and his family affairs, and he was far more appreciated by those who knew him in France.

## Our Thicker Bible Part 3

### Pope St. Damasus/St. Jerome

The Council of Rome in ad 382 resulted in Pope St. Damasus I (service from 366–384) issuing a decree establishing the forty-six books of the Old Testament used by the Church (*see page 16*). He also identified the twenty-seven New Testament books that Christians use today.

As Christianity spread into the Latin-speaking Western world, many different Latin translations of both the Old and New Testaments surfaced. The same year as the Council of Rome, Pope Damasus asked St. Jerome (347–420) to translate the Septuagint and the New Testament books into Latin and thus provide the Christian world with a standard Latin Bible. This project took Jerome more than twenty years (382–405). He not only translated the Septuagint and New Testament into Latin but the Hebrew Old Testament as well. He was reluctant to include the extra Old Testament (Septuagint) books rejected by the Jews. Several Church fathers sided with Jerome over the books but in the end Church leadership, including St. Augustine prevailed. In the sixteenth century, the seven books were called deuterocanonical or the second canon. This term is not meant to imply that the writings are somehow less important or less inspired but to distinguish them from the original Hebrew Old Testament manuscripts.

The ad 382 decree of Damasus, identifying forty-six Old Testament and twenty-seven New Testament inspired Scriptures, was subsequently confirmed at the Catholic Synods of Hippo in 383, Carthage I (397) and II (419). In 405, Pope St. Innocent I affirmed the books in a letter to the bishop of Toulouse. The Ecumenical Council of Florence in 1442 officially established a list of the same Old and New Testament books. Christians have used the Bible containing the seven books since at least the fourth century.

### Council of Trent 1545–1563

In 1546, the Trent Council bishops, in regard to the canon of Scripture and response to Martin Luther, listed all the sacred books of the Old and New Testaments, the same books long held by the Church. The bishops went on: "If anyone does not accept all the books in their entirety, with all their parts, as they are being read in the Catholic Church and are contained in the ancient Latin Vulgate editions, as sacred and canonical, and knowingly and deliberately rejects the aforesaid traditions, anathema sit."

As to the authenticity of the Latin Vulgate, the bishops said, "This same ancient Vulgate version which has been preserved by the Church for so many centuries is to be regarded as the authentic translation in public readings, disputations, sermons and expositions, and let no one dare or presume to reject it on any grounds."

The seventy-three books considered as the inspired canon of the Bible during at least five Church councils, approved by popes, considered as the holy Scripture by Christians for more than ten centuries, was again affirmed by the bishops at the Ecumenical Council of Trent. The Church never wavered in this belief.

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