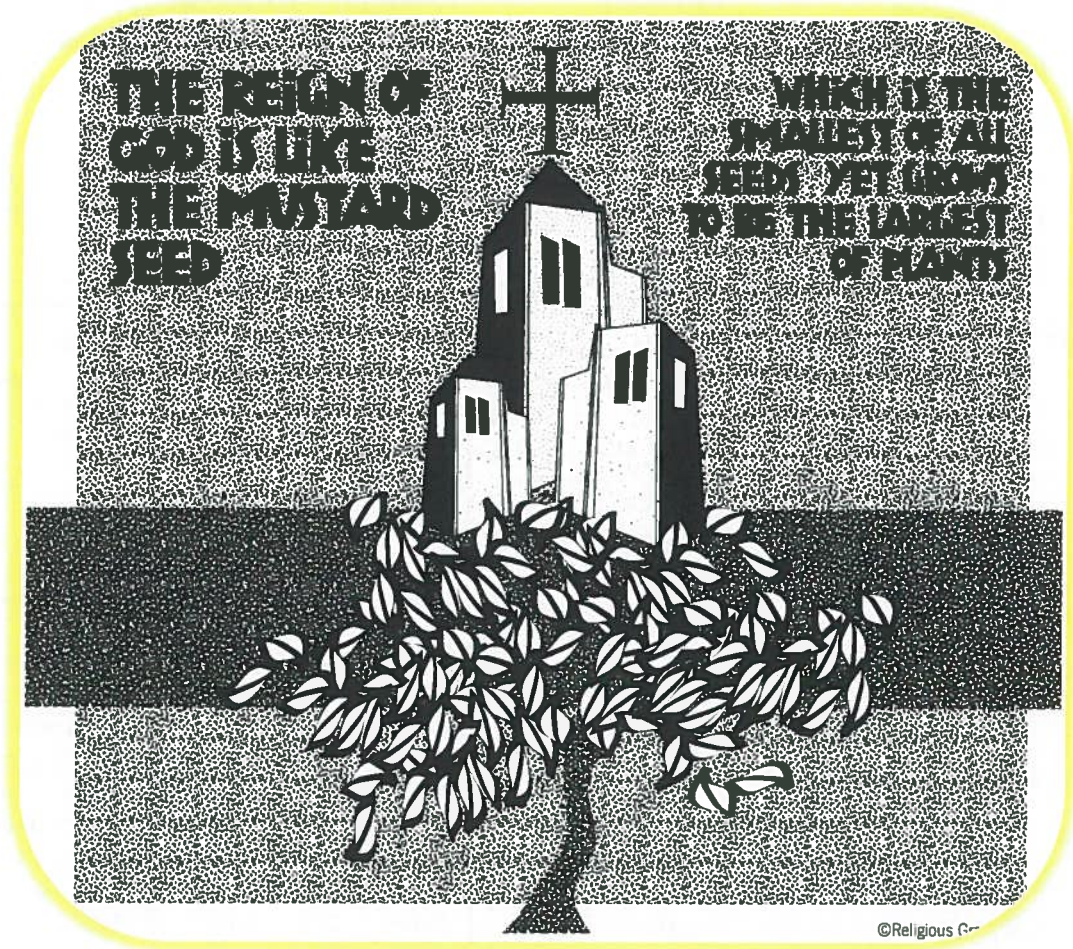


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18-19, 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: “*A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.*”

~ St. Francis of Assisi

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25-26, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, July 25 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, July 26 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, July 26 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, July 26 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Gery Wright	Dale Pfeiffer Daryl Ferris	The committee will take care of ushering duties	Erik Wheeler Conner Settles Marco Smolkovich
Lector	Jackie Eberle	Rhonda Berns	Craig Frerichs	Julie Splear

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 20

8:00 am +Jim Scanlon (Mark & Beth Bauer) (SMM)

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am +Dick Fitch (Mike & Shelly Hertz) (SH)

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 am +Dorothy & Doug Jordan (Dallas/Joyce Ferris) (SJ)

Friday, July 24

8:00 am +Dick Fitch (Jackie Eberle) (SMM)

Saturday, July 25

5:00 pm +Mary & Joseph Heimburger (MayAnn Wagner)
+Marge Heeler (Ton & Bernice Hughes) (SMM)

Sunday, July 26

7:30 am +Rick, Margaret, & Paul Meli (Rodney & Kathy Meli) (SH)

9:00 am 65th Wedding Anniversary of Eugene & Rheba Bertrand (SJ)

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

A Look Ahead

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

Mon., July 27—Knights of Columbus 7 pm at SJ

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St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443
Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669
Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048
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SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreefarms@aol.com
St. James— Mary Offerman–602-670-8888 (call or text)

Create for me, O Lord, a clean heart



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Week of July 11-12- Collections

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,665

St. James—\$703

Sacred Heart—\$1,256

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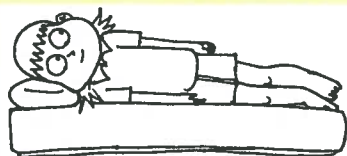
ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Knights of Columbus will be meeting at St. James at 7 pm on Monday, July 27.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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 of Religious Education. Watch for future communications.

A Stewardship Moment—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of July 18/19, 2020

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?

Dear Lord, So far today I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or selfish. I haven't told a single lie. But in a few minutes, I'm going to get out of bed and I'm going to need a lot more help... Amen



Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary-

- * The date for our First Communion has been set for Saturday, September 12 at 10 am.

Sacred Heart-

St. James -

- * There will be a Parish Council meeting Tuesday, July 21 at 7 pm.
- * First Communion at St. James will be Saturday, September 26 at 10 am.



Faith... The size of a mustard seed,
All things are possible!

Stewardship of our Leisure Time (part 2)

Today, connectivity has become almost an obsession. People check their emails, their messages and calls with alarming repetitiveness. Accidents, both pedestrian and automobile, happen because people can't put down their phones. Employers expect their workers to be available for evening emails. The lines between work and free time increasingly blur, as do the lines between solitude and always being present "online." We can't imagine putting aside screens for a two-week vacation. But we must give ourselves time to renew and recharge, not just two weeks of the year, but each day and each week.

July offers an opportunity to reconnect with the rhythms of God and nature. We need to take time off from screens and phones, and practice giving undivided attention to the things before us. When we pray, we commit time and silence. When we enjoy time with our friends and family, we practice being totally present. When we sit on the patio or at the beach, we give ourselves wholly to the wind or the waves. Be a good steward of your body, mind and soul. Don't overschedule your time off. Listen to the quiet whisper of God encouraging you to relax.



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 in-person Mass



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, July 20 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

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:
Diocese of Joliet – Rice Bowl Distribution

Catholic Charities is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will 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 to register as early as possible to reserve your spot!



St. Anne Catholic Church will hold the 140th Annual St. Anne Novena this year from July 18-26 on the parish grounds at 230 N 6th Ave. in St. Anne, IL. Due to the restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic, the usual schedule of activities will be altered. All Masses will be held outdoors, weather permitting. The weekday Masses will be held on July 20-24 at 7 p.m. The weekend schedule is Saturday, July 18 at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 19 at 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 25 at 4 p.m. On Sunday, July 26, the Feast of St. Anne, Masses will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. followed by the traditional procession of the Relic of St. Anne throughout the village. We will offer a special procession of the relic at 1:00 p.m. from the Camino y Esperanza retreat house on Wichert Road to St. Anne Church, followed by a Mass in Spanish at 2:00 p.m.

Anointing will be offered after Masses on July 18-25. No anointings will be held on July 26th.

Please bring your own mask and chairs to the event, as limited seating will be offered for those with special needs. Because of the pandemic situation, we will not be selling religious items, plants, or food this year, and there will be no special concerts, programs, or children's activities. Social Distance guidelines will be followed.

For those who cannot attend these services in person, all Novena Masses will be offered online at the church website at www.stannestanne.org. Please contact the rectory office at 815-427-8265 for further information.



Saint of the week: St. Mary Magdalene (July 22)

We have very little solid information about Saint Mary, and both scholars and traditions differ on the interpretation of what we do know.

She was a friend and follower of Jesus. Filled with sorrow over her sin, she anointed Christ, washed his feet with her hair. He exorcised seven demons from her. She was visited by the Risen Christ.

There are also arguments about her life after the Crucifixion.

The Greek Church maintains that she retired to Ephesus with the Blessed Virgin Mary and lived there the rest of her life.

A French tradition says that Mary, Lazarus, and some companions came to Marseilles, France, evangelized and converted the whole Provence region, and then retired to live 30 years as a penitent hermitess at La Sainte-Baume.



Obscure saint of the week: Saint Phillip Evans (July 22) was educated at the College of St. Omer. He could play the harp and played tennis. He joined the Jesuits on September 7, 1665. St Phillip was ordained at Liege, Belgium. He was sent to southern Wales in 1675 to minister to covert Catholics. He was arrested at Christopher Turberville's house, Sker, Glamorganshire on December 4, 1678 during the increased persecutions following the *Titus Oates Plot*. When he refused to take the *Oath of Supremacy*, he was imprisoned in Cardiff Castle; he served time with Saint John Lloyd. St. Phillip Evans was executed in May 1679 in Cardiff for the crime of being a priest. He is one of the *Forty Martyrs of England and Wales*.



There has been a lot in the news lately about race and racism. In August Quaker Oates will retire the Aunt Jemima syrup brand in response to negative press but her story needs to be told.

The world knew her as "Aunt Jemima," but her given name was Nancy Green and she was a true American success story. She was born a slave in 1834 Montgomery County, KY, and became a wealthy superstar in the advertising world, as its first living trademark. Green



was 56-yrs old when she was selected as spokesperson for a new ready-mixed, self-rising pancake flour and made her debut in 1893 at a fair and exposition in Chicago. She demonstrated the pancake mix and served thousands of pancakes... and became an immediate star. She was a good storyteller, her personality was warm and appealing, and her showmanship was exceptional. Her exhibition booth drew so many people that special security personnel were assigned to keep the crowds moving.

Nancy Green was signed to a lifetime contract, traveled on promotional tours all over the country, and was extremely well paid. Her financial freedom and stature as a national spokesperson enabled her to become a leading advocate against poverty and in favor of equal rights for folks in Chicago.

She was one of the very first black millionaires when she died. General Mills bought her name and likeness from her. She maintained her job until her death in 1923, at age 89.

I would bet most protesters know absolutely nothing about Nancy Green
Nancy Green was a remarkable woman... and she has just been ERASED.