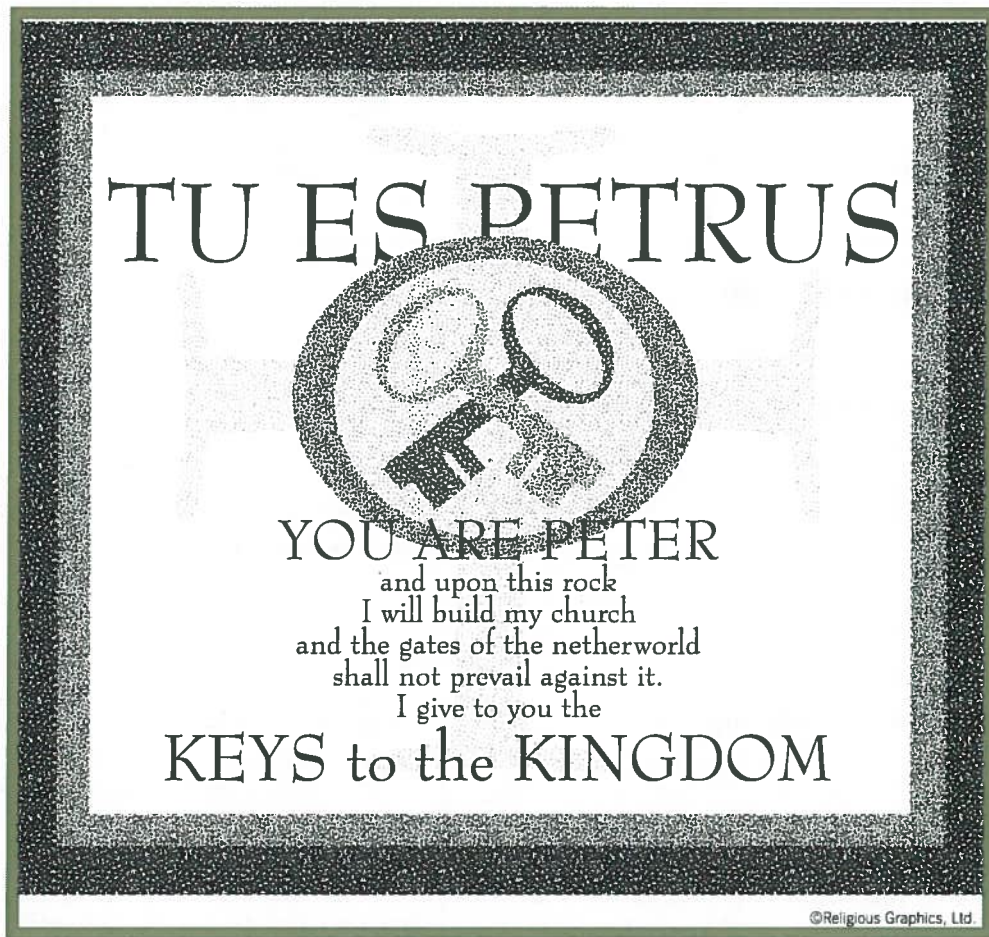


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22-23, 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: "In the way of virtue, there is no standing still; anyone who does not daily advance, loses ground. If one does not conquer, one will be conquered. -St. Bonaventure

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29-30, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, August 29 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, August 30 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, August 30 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, August 30 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Roger Jensen	Dale Pfeiffer Darryl Ferris	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter—Karen Miller Rosary—N. Saathoff	Darren Lovell Joe Smolkovich Larry Wolles
Lector	Dave Emling	Darlene Cipcich	Jeff O'Connor	Dana Masching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 24

8:00 am +Bob & Rita Deany (Madeline Bouchard) (SMM)

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 am No Mass Today

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 am No Mass Today

Friday, August 28

8:00 am +Dr. Dubravec (The Family) (SMM)

Saturday, August 29

5:00 pm +JR Matern (Pat Wagner)
+Denise Jepsen Blake (Jim & Kathy Jepsen) (SMM)

Sunday, August 30

7:30 am +Rusty Denault (Dr. Waldschmidt)
+Cecelia Monk (Sacred Heart CCW) (SH)

9:00 am +Leonard Papineau (Noreen Saathoff)
+Ray & Norma Denault (Tobenski Family) (SJ)

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

A Look Ahead

August 29—30 - Special Collection for Fr. Allam's work in India

Saturday, Sept. 12—First Communion at SMM 10 am

Sunday, Sept. 13—Collection for the Holy Land

Saturday, Sept. 26—First Communion at SJ 10 am

Pastor— Fr. Ron Neitzke- 815-426-2550
Deacon – Ron Gagnon—rjgckg@gmail.com
cell –815-953-2407 Home—815-933-4077
Parish Email – smm_sja_sh@yahoo.com
TriParish web page – www.triparishcatholics.org
Like us on Facebook triparishcatholic communities
Tri Parish Church office –Barb Riker 426-2550
Julie Bisailon 426-2550
Tri Parish Faith Formation – Stacie Powers –426-2550
Bulletin – Debbie Jensen - 426-2550
debjen04@gmail.com
RE Coordinators –
St. Margaret Mary – Stacie Powers – 426-2550
St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443
Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 426-5015
Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048
Prayer Line– SMM—Pat Wagner 815-592-0773
SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreeffarms@aol.com
St. James— Mary Offerman-602-670-8888 (call or text)

Prayers for a safe school year for our students,
teachers, and staff .

Collections Weeks of

Aug. 8-9

Aug. 15-16

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 2,118

\$1,505

St. James—\$1,403

\$1,107

Sacred Heart—\$970

\$633

ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Like many of you, the Diocese has been re-evaluating our operating costs during this Covid pandemic. One of the items we looked at was the publishing of Christ is Our Hope magazine. After discussions with Faith Publishing, it was decided to alternate between a digital magazine one month and a hard copy the next month. This resulted in significant cost savings and we will be passing those savings on to the parishes. The magazine is an important part of communication throughout the Diocese of Joliet especially during these times of limited parishioner contact. It was a priority to us to find a way to streamline the cost of the magazine while at the same time still being able to reach those who may be feeling isolated from parish life.
- ◆ Anyone interested in joining the church, please call the church office—815-426-2550. Deacon Ron will be setting up RCIA classes in the near future.

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary-

- * Unfortunately, SMM's 150th Anniversary Celebration has been postponed. We will keep you informed as to rescheduling details as they become available.

Sacred Heart-

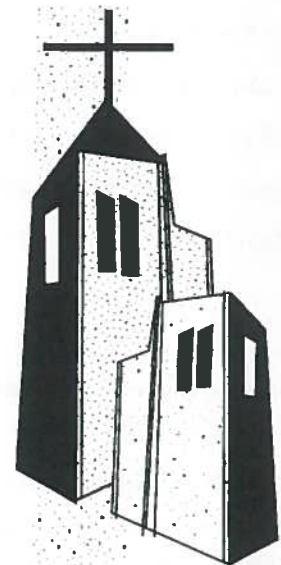
St. James -

- * We are excited to announce our window project is starting up again. We will be restoring the last 3 windows in the church. Any amount is welcome. Please contact Dallas Ferris or SueAnn O'Connor with any questions. We thank all those that have donated to this project. It is restoring and saving the history of our parish

All three parish members are invited to join together for one hour of prayer every Monday at 2:00 pm in the church hall at St. Margaret Mary. The rosary and a Divine Mercy chaplet will be said. We will focus on praying for our country and on any personal prayers. We will begin on Monday, August 24. We hope to see you on Mondays.



Congratulations and blessings to Andrew Dau who received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation on August 8 at St. Margaret Mary.



**Upon this rock
I will build
my church**

©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

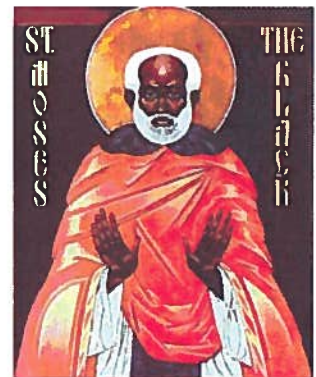
View bulletins online at www.triparishcatholics.org

Saint of the week: Augustine of Hippo (Aug. 28) was the son of a pagan father who converted on his death bed, and of Saint Monica, a devout Christian. Raised a Christian, he lost his faith during his youth and led a wild life. He lived with a Carthaginian woman from the age of 15 through 30. Augustine fathered a son whom he named *Adeotadus*, which means *the gift of God*. He taught rhetoric at Carthage and Milan, Italy. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a Manichean for several years; it taught of a great struggle between good and evil, and featured a lax moral code. A summation of his thinking at the time comes from his *Confessions*: "God, give me chastity and continence – but not just now."



Augustine finally broke with the Manicheans and was converted by the prayers of his mother and the help of Saint Ambrose of Milan, who baptized him. On the death of his mother he returned to Africa, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and founded a monastery. He was a monk, priest, preacher, and the Bishop of Hippo in 396. Augustine founded religious communities. He also fought Manichaeism, Donatism, Pelagianism and other heresies. He became the doctor of the Church. His later thinking can also be summed up in a line from his writings: *Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.*

Obscure saint of the week: Moses the Black (Aug. 28) was born into slavery to an Egyptian official's family. An unruly thief, he was driven from the house and fell in with a band of robbers. On the run, he took refuge with hermits at the monastery of Petra in the desert of Skete, Egypt. He was converted and joined them as a monk. He became a priest and possessed supernatural gifts. Moses was a confirmed pacifist, he refused to defend himself when his monastery was attacked.



A Stewardship Moment— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Times

Weekend of August 22-23

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.