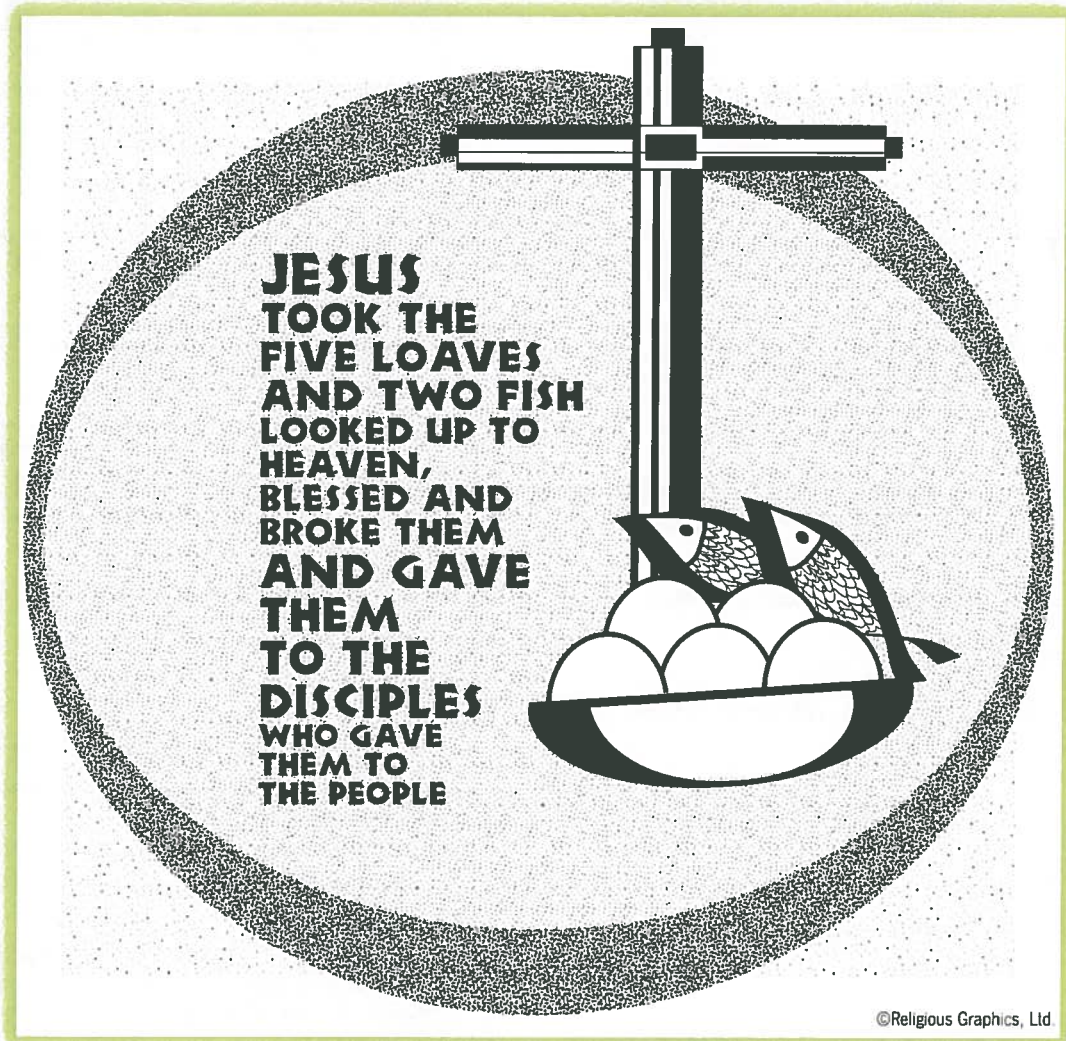


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1-2, 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

View bulletins online at www.triparishcatholics.org

Quotable: "Among the 5000 who were fed on two fish and 5 loaves of bread were—
doubtlessly— several who complained about the bones the fish contained. Rejoice in your
blessings!
~author unknown

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8-9, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, August 8 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, August 9 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, August 9 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, August 9 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Roger Jensen	Kyle Ferris Darryl Ferris	The committee will take care of ushering duties	Bill Powers Jeremy Wolles Larry Wolles
Lector	Bobbi Buza	Darlene Cipcich	Brett Miller	Diane Long

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 3

8:00 am +Madonna Hoffman (Jim & Linda Schultz) (SMM)

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 am + Susan Soucie (Dennis Wilking) (SH)

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 am +Leonard Papineau (Tobenski Family) (SJ)

Friday, August 7

8:00 am +John Brown (Barb Foran) (SMM)

Saturday, August 8

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family (SMM)

Sunday, August 9

7:30 am +John Sullivan, Timmy Fitch, Williard Denault
(The Family)

+Jerome Whalen (Sacred Heart CCW) (SH)

9:00 am +Michael Lagesse (Larry & Birdie Stevenson)

+ Mary "Vincie" Quinlan (Borschnack Family) (SJ)

10:30am +Gary Jensen (John & Nancy Scanlon)

+Jack Jacob (Tom & Bev Buckley) (SMM)

A Look Ahead

Friday, August 7—First Friday Adoration at SMM

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

Sunday, Sept. 13—Collection for the Holy Land

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St. Margaret Mary – Stacie Powers – 426-2550

St. James – Alicia Miller – 933-5443

Sacred Heart – Rhonda Berns – 935-8669

Parish Nurse – Jackie Eberle – 815-421-4048

Prayer Line– SMM—Pat Wagner 815-592-0773

SMM -Janice 815-426-2574 Jdstreefarms@aol.com

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

Ministry schedules for August are available in the
back of each church. Please pick yours up if you are
involved in a ministry.

Week of July 25-26 - Collections

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,785

St. James—\$1,172

Sacred Heart—\$748

Thank you for your generosity

ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Our religious education programs will be returning to in person instruction in the Fall. 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.
- ◆ Please see the message below from Fr. Allam. We will be taking up a collection to aid those devastated by this pandemic the weekend of August 29—30.

Greetings of Joy and Peace to you from Fr. Allam. Hope you and all our parishioners are doing well.

Here in India, all our Seniors at Mercy Home & boys and girls in the orphanages at my mission are all safe. All our parishioners who are daily laborers have been facing many difficulties due to lockdown especially the migrant workers from my parish who walk back on foot during this pandemic. They have faced multiple hardships with factories and workplaces shut down due to the lockdown imposed on them. They have to deal with the food shortages as well as illnesses. Most of the families went hungry. I tried to assist them by providing food, groceries and other necessities. I was supposed to come to Chicago in the month of May, but cancelled my trip due to Corona. Hopefully I will visit you in the near future if things change. Please say hi to our Tri-parish councils and parishioners. I miss you all. please keep all of us in your prayers.

May the Risen Lord Jesus bless you abundantly and may our Blessed Mother protect you and intercede for you always. I assure you of my continued prayers.

A Stewardship Moment— Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of August 1-2, 2020

In today's Gospel we find an equation the disciples of Jesus couldn't solve: Five loaves and two fish divided by 5,000-plus people. They failed to recognize Jesus in the equation; that whatever they had to offer, Jesus could take it and bless it and satisfy the hunger of the crowd with it. Good stewards recognize that the Lord can work miracles with the gifts they offer to a hungry and broken world. How often are we willing to offer our gifts in faith, even during disquieting times, even as insignificant as we think they are, and count on the Lord to do the rest? How often do we count Christ into the equation?

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary-

- * Don't forget that if you have prayer needs or request, our prayer line is there for you. Please contact Janice at 815-426-2574 or at djstreefarms@aolcom
- * First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 10 am.

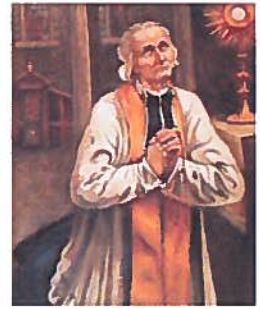
Sacred Heart-

St. James -

- * The CCW will be selling raffle tickets for our "Belated Spring Forward" items this week (8/2) and next week (8/9) in the St. James foyer. In order to minimize contact they will be purchased on the honor system so please bring exact change or checks made out to "St. James CCW". Tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Winners will be drawn and notified the week of August 10th - August 14th and prizes can be picked up at church on August 16th. (Any tickets previously purchased are still in their respective bags and are still eligible to win)
- * First Communion at St. James will be Saturday, September 26 at 10 am.
- * We are excited to announce our window project is starting up again. We will be restoring the last 3 windows in the church.. There is still time for members of the parish to be a part of this program. Any amount is welcome, you don't have to sponsor an entire window. If you choose to sponsor a window and have your name on a plaque next to the window you help restore, you can contact Dallas Ferris or SueAnn O'Connor. We thank all those that have donated to this project. It is restoring and saving the history of our parish. Feel free to contact either of us if you have questions



Saint of the week: St. John Vianney (August 4th) was born to a farm family. In his youth John taught other children their prayers and catechism. He was ordained in 1815, though it took several years of study – he had little education, was not a good student, and his Latin was terrible. He was assigned as a parochial vicar to Ecully, France. In 1818 he was assigned to the parish of Ars-sur-Formans, France, a tiny village near Lyons, which suffered from very lax attendance. He began visiting his parishioners, especially the sick and poor, spent days in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, did penance for his parishioners, and led his people by example. St. John had the gifts of discernment of spirits, prophecy, hidden knowledge, and of working miracles. He was tormented by evil spirits, especially when he tried to get his 2-3 hours of sleep each night. Crowds came to hear him preach and to make their reconciliation because of his reputation with penitents; by 1855 there were 20,000 pilgrims a year to Ars. St. John Vianney spent 40 years as the parish priest.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Sithney (Aug. 4th) emigrated from Britain to Guic-Sezni, Brittany (in modern France) where he founded a monastery. A Breton legend says that God chose Sithney to be the patron of girls seeking husbands; the saint begged off, saying he would never get to rest, that he would rather take care of mad dogs than women. Sounded like a good idea to the Almighty, and ever since, sick or mad dogs have been given water from Sithney's well as a tonic. He is the patron saint of mad dogs.

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



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October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 2020
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630-577-0778 .

You and me,
we're like loaves
and fishes:
We just might
be a miracle.



Gift of God Street Church Shelter is in need:

We are providing a meal for the shelter on August 27. If you have anything to donate, call Jackie at 815-421-4048 to arrange pickup or to drop off at her house. If it is perishable food, she will get that on August 27. Also, feel free to drop off your donations at the shelter yourself.

Gift of God Street Church

660 N. Fifth Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Church Roof

We hired a roofer that took the money for the materials, did not buy the materials and spent the money on himself. Now we have no money to fix the roof and no one to do the roofing.

If you could help us with donations for the roof, as well as a volunteer to do the roofing, please call us!

Sugar Diabetes

We have a number of Diabetics who don't have a meter to test their sugar. If you have an extra meter to test sugar levels, we would be blessed to have you donate it to our ministry to help the homeless regulate their sugar levels. We need the meter with or without the test strips.

The Clothing Department Is Open

If you have clean clothing that you would like to donate; we will take men's, women's, and children's clothes. Especially needed are men's clothing including socks, shirts, shorts, shoes, jeans (size 30" and up) and belts (size 34" and up).

Just drop them off.

Updated Shelter Needs List:

Food Needs:

Fresh Vegetables – lettuce, cabbage, celery, onion, carrots, peppers

Canned Vegetables – diced tomatoes, corn, carrots, crushed tomatoes

Fresh Fruit or Frozen – apples, oranges, bananas, pears

Salad - mix bag or head

Bread - loaves, bagels, English muffins, hamburger and hot dog buns

Whole Primal Cuts (not ground) – beef, chicken, turkey, venison, pork, fish

Deli Meats

Also needed: milk, mac and cheese, sugar, butter, cheese (block or shredded), salad dressing, sauce (spaghetti or alfredo), drink mixes, bottled water, cans of soup(32 oz.)



Non-Food Needs:

dishwasher detergent, dish soap, hand soap, toilet paper, large 40 gallon trash bags, shaving cream, shaving razors, deodorant, paper towels, cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, wash rags & dish towels, aluminum foil, plastic wrap





A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for Our Parish Family

Good and gracious God,
Even in the midst of these troubling times,
you continue to reveal your loving presence in the communal
life of our parish.

Help us to see your active presence in our parish family,
a community where peace, love and fellowship will prevail.

May it be truly prayerful, intensely Eucharistic,
and deeply joyful.

Teach us how to be good stewards of our parish family
even during these times of stress and anxiety, distance and
isolation.

By the power of the Holy Spirit make our hearts humble
and compassionate so that we may carry out our responsibilities
to our parish family in a just and holy manner.

And through your Spirit, may we love one another
as you love each of us,
as sisters and brothers who gather around the
Eucharistic table,
an authentically holy, Catholic community,
working together to hasten our Kingdom.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

