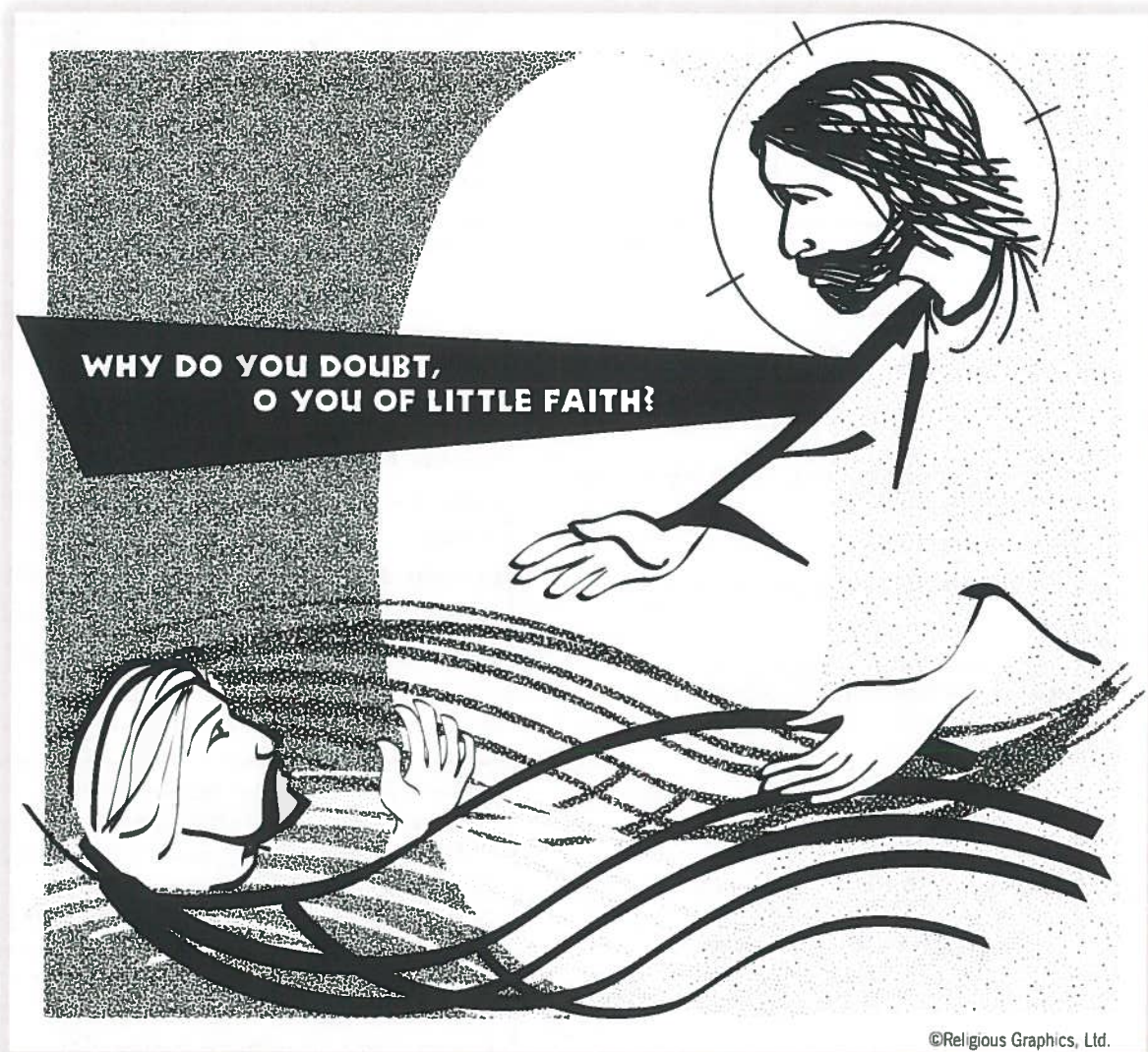


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8-9, 2020

Church Mailing Address:

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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:

“We must often feel weary and tired yet God brings us through all these things.”

~Saint Mary MacKillop

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 15-16, 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	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dan Hoffman Jason Piper	Dale Pfeiffer Dennis Pankey	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter—Rick White Rosary—Peerboltes	Conner Settles Erick Wheeler Nick Zerebny
Lector	Rob Landeck	Rhonda Berns	Andy Hansen	Corinn Wheeler

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 10

8:00 am +Thomas L. O'Connor (Bill & Cheryl O'Brien) (SMM)

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 am + Margaret Donaghue (Jackie Cross) (SH)

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 am +Maxine Osmonson (Cathy Jensen) (SJ)

Friday, August 14

8:00 am +Theresa Gualandi (Linda Pyzdrowski) (SMM)

Saturday, August 15

5:00 pm +Richard Wagner (Mary Ann Wagner)
+Francis O'Brien (Mr. & Mrs. John Fulton) (SMM)

Sunday, August 16

7:30 am +Phyllis Buza (Terri & Jerry Weakley) (SH)
9:00 am +Dorothy & Doug Jordan (Larry & Birdie Stevenson)
+ Daniel King (Jerome Schneider) (SJ)
10:30am For All the Parish Family (SMM)

A Look Ahead

Tuesday, August 7—Sacred Heart CCW meeting 7 pm
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

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Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation

Week of August 1-2- Collections

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 1631.95

St. James—\$1,568

Sacred Heart—\$1,223,

Thank you for your generosity

ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Please adhere to the directive from the Diocese that masks are to be worn into church and during mass. Remember if you are not able to wear a mask for medical reasons, dispensation from attending in person is still in effect. Your choices affect others.
- ◆ 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.

A Stewardship Moment— Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of August 8-9, 2020

Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own "boat" to take on the impossible.

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.
- * Congratulations to Patrick Frazier, the recipient of the Theresa Fritz Scholarship. Patrick is attending Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Sacred Heart-

- * SH CCW will meet on Tuesday, August 11 at 7 pm. Please wear your mask. We will safely space our seating.

St. James -

- * The CCW will be selling raffle tickets for our "Belated Spring Forward" items this 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)



- * 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



*Let the
Word of the
Lord take
root in you*

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Saint of the week: St. Lawrence (Aug. 10) was a third-century archdeacon of Rome, a distributor of alms, and “keeper of the treasures of the church” in a time when Christianity was outlawed. On 6 August 258, by decree of Emperor Valerian, Pope Saint Sixtus II and six deacons were beheaded, leaving Lawrence as the ranking Church official in Rome.

While in prison awaiting execution Sixtus reassured Lawrence that he was not being left behind; they would be reunited in four days. Lawrence saw this time as an opportunity to disperse the material wealth of the church before the Roman authorities could lay their hands on it. On August 10, Lawrence was commanded to appear for his execution, and to bring along the treasure with which he had been entrusted by the pope. When he arrived, the archdeacon was accompanied by a multitude of Rome’s crippled, blind, sick, and indigent. He announced that these were the true treasures of the Church. He was a martyr.



Lawrence’s care for the poor, the ill, and the neglected have led to his patronage of them. His work to save the material wealth of the Church, including its documents, brought librarians and those in related fields to see him as a patron, and to ask for his intercession. His incredible strength and courage when being grilled to death led to his patronage of cooks and those who work in or supply things to the kitchen. The meteor shower that follows the passage of the Swift-Tuttle comet was known in the Middle Ages as the “burning tears of Saint Lawrence” because they appear at the same time as Lawrence’s feast.



Obscure saint of the week: Saint Bessus (Aug. 10) was a soldier of the Theban Legion. He was a convert to Christianity. He escaped the massacre of the Legion and became an evangelist in the mountain district of Val Soana. Bessus was reported to be a miracle worker and able to heal by prayer. He was a martyr.

Because of the understandably poor records from the period, and the similarity of his name both to other evangelists in the region and to a pre-Christian god, Bessus has figured into a lot of folk tales, practices and later legends.

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