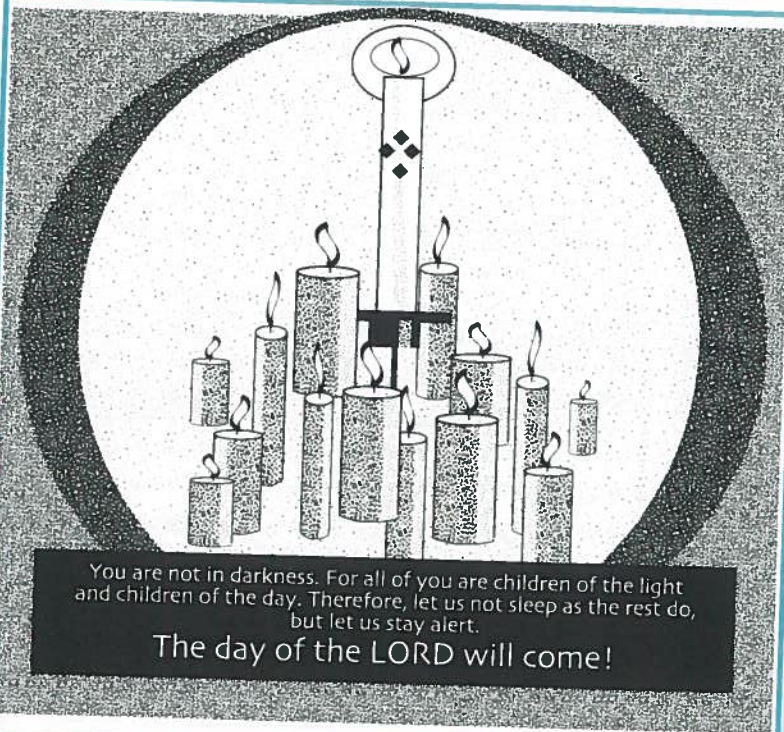


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**  
**St. Margaret Mary, Herscher**  
**St. James the Apostle, Irwin**  
**Sacred Heart, Goodrich**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Nov. 14-15, 2020**



You are not in darkness. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert.

**The day of the LORD will come!**

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, November 16 (SMM)**

8:00 am +Butch Lambert (David/Rose Datweiler)

**Tuesday, November 17 (SH)**

8:00 am +Joan Scanlon (Terri & Jerry Weakley)

**Wednesday, November 18 (SJ)**

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

**Friday, November 20 (SMM)**

8:00 am +Alvinal Clodi

**Saturday, November 21 (SMM)**

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

**Sunday, November 22**

7:30 am +Hazel Riley, Ralph Rathman, Mike Foltz, Dolores Fitch, Christina Berns, Susan Winterroth, Christopher Rathman (The Family) (SH)

9:00 am +Michael Lagesse (Pat Perreault)

+Laurie Hansen (Arlen Hansen Family) (SJ)

10:30am +Gary Jensen (Bill & Stacie Powers)

+Rita Deany (Pat Wagner) (SMM)

**A Stewardship Moment — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of November 14-15**

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It's a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.

**Confessions:**

St. Margaret Mary Sat. 4:15 pm

Sacred Heart Sun. 7:05-7:20 am

St. James Sun 8:35-8:50 am

Use your gifts  
 for the building up  
 of the Kingdom of God

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Quotable: "I plead with you. Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."  
 -St John Paul II

### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—November 21-22, 2020

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary</b> Saturday, Nov. 21 5:00 pm	<b>Sacred Heart</b> Sunday, Nov. 22 7:30 am	<b>St. James</b> Sunday, Nov. 22 9:00 am	<b>St. Margaret Mary</b> Sunday, Nov. 22 10:30 am
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Hoffman Todd Datweiler	Kyle Ferris Darryl Ferris	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter— Rita Thiesen R.Leader—R. Gohlke	Marco Smolkovich Corey Eich Bill Powers
<b>Lector</b>	Bobbi Buza	Darlene Cipcich	Brett Miller	Dana Masching

#### ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Parish Mission—If you are unable to drive at night and need a ride in order to attend the With mission sessions or if you are willing to pick up someone who cannot drive, please let the office (426-2550) know so we can make arrangements.
- ◆ St. James and St. Margaret Mary—If you did not pick up a Today's Missal book last week, please do so if you are interested. Remember you must take yours home and bring it back with you each week. Please do not leave them in your pew at the conclusion of mass.
- ◆ Please join us for one hour of prayer every Monday at 2 pm in St. Margaret Mary's sanctuary.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at St. James on Tuesday, Dec. 1. There is always a great need for blood at this time of year.



With rising Covid numbers, please follow the guidelines put forth by the Diocese and state. 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

#### A Look Ahead

- Nov. 15—Second Collection at SJ for Religious Ed**
- Nov. 15—19 Tri-Parish Mission 7 pm each evening**
- Nov. 21—22— Second Collection - Campaign for Human Development**
- Monday, Nov. 23—SMM CCW meeting 7 pm**
- Wed., Nov. 25—Thanksgiving Vigil Mass 7 pm SMM**
- Thurs., Nov. 26—Mass of Thanksgiving SJ 9 am**
- Sunday, Nov. 29—Second Collection at SH for Parish**
- Tuesday, Dec. 1—K of C Blood Drive at St. James**

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## Collections Week of Nov. 7-8

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 1,331

St. James—\$1,728

Sacred Heart—\$810

Thank you for your generosity

## PICK UP

- ◇ Envelopes for 2021 (good bye 2020) are in the rear of the Churches. Please pick your envelopes up.
- ◇ Lector workbooks are also available in each parish.

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November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Later this month, on November 21-22, our diocese will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own diocese. 25% of the funds we collect stay here.

Examples of how CCHD is changing and impacting lives in our own communities can be found at funded organizations such as Garden of Prayer in Kankakee. This nonprofit organization mission is to improve the well-being of at-risk children, adults and families by providing education and mental health services that will place them on a pathway to success. Another example of CCHD's local impact is Shining Light NFP in West Chicago. This is an outreach open to all those in need of extra support because they are teetering on or already below the poverty line. Shining Light provides free services such as professional counseling, job training, and a plethora of other resources. Numerous other organizations like Garden of Prayer and Shining Light NFP receive aid from our CCHD collection.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

Thank you for generosity and for joining us as we break cycles of poverty by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ in this way.

Paz y bien,

+ *Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
+John Andrezejewski  
husband of Janet

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful  
departed rest in eternal peace. Amen  
Deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Janet Andrezejewski's address:

723 Garfield

Aurora, IL 60506

## Parish News:

### St. Margaret Mary-



- At the Nov. 23 CCW meeting, we will be making wreaths for the shut ins.
- Thank you to those who packed a Box of Joy for a better Christmas for many children..
- If you would like to participate in the *Gift of Warmth* this year, Jackie Eberle has gift requests sheets to guide you in your gifting.

### Sacred Heart-

- The Stag has been a major fund raising effort for Sacred Heart for many years, but due to COVID, it will not take place this year. To offset the loss of that significant income for the parish, we will have a special collection on Sunday, Nov. 29. Please be generous in support of your parish.

### St. James-

- We will be collecting canned goods for the Herscher Council of Churches from November 1-15th. These items will go in their Thanksgiving baskets which are distributed to families throughout our area. If you wish to donate financially, checks may be made out to *Herscher Council of Churches*.
- The second collection today will be for our Religious Education Program. This will help with expenses that are usually provided for through our basket raffles and Pageant that will not take place this year because of COVID. Thank you for your support!



LOUISE DEVINE  
IS TURNING 100  
ON DECEMBER 4TH!

Please help us celebrate this wonderful lady with a Centennial Card Shower. Her address is:

Louise Devine  
7453 W 6000 Rd  
Herscher, IL 60941

Prayer Hour every Monday at 2 pm in the church sanctuary at St. Margaret Mary. Join us in praying the rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, for our country, and any personal petitions.

In November we celebrate the saints, honor veterans, and remember the dead.

**Saint of the week:** St. Albert the Great (Nov. 15) was the son of a military nobleman. He became a Dominican priest. Later in life, he taught theology at Cologne, Germany, and Paris, France. He was a teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. Albert was an influential teacher, preacher, and administrator. He was appointed bishop of Regensburg, Germany. He introduced Greek and Arabic science and philosophy to medieval Europe. Albert was known for his wide interest in what became known later as the natural sciences – botany, biology, etc. He wrote and illustrated guides to his observations, and was considered on a par with Aristotle as an authority on these matters. Albert was a theological writer. He was named a Doctor of the Church.



**Obscure saint of the week:** St. Gertrude the Great (Nov. 16)

We don't know who her parents were or what became of them; she may have been an orphan. Gertrude was raised in the Benedictine Abbey of Saint Mary of Helfta, Eisleben, Saxony from age five. An extremely bright and dedicated student, she excelled in literature and philosophy, and when she was old enough, became a Benedictine nun. At age 26, when she had become too enamored of philosophy, she received a vision of Christ who reproached her; from then on she studied the Bible and the works of the Church Fathers. Gertrude received other visions and mystical instruction, which formed the basis of her writings. She helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her writings have been greatly praised by Saint Teresa and Saint Francis de Sales, and continue in print today.



### Heroes for All God's Children (Part 3)

Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno Vietnam

Fr. Capodanno, born February 13, 1929, in Staten Island, NY, was a dedicated swimmer and avid sports enthusiast in his youth. He was educated for the priesthood at Fordham University in New York City, Maryknoll Seminary College in Glen Ellyn, IL, and Maryknoll Seminaries in Massachusetts and New York City. He was ordained as a Maryknoll priest on June 7, 1957. He worked under the auspices of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society in Taiwan and Hong Kong until 1965.

Chaplain Capodanno received his commission as a US Navy lieutenant in the Chaplain Corps on December 28, 1965. Since he had requested duty with Marines in Vietnam, he joined the First Marine Division in September 1967 as a battalion chaplain. He extended his one-year tour of duty by six months to continue working with the soldiers. He was known to the troops as the "Grunt Padre" because he was just like one of the Marines.

On September 4, 1967, Chaplain Capodanno accompanied Marines to the Que Son Valley in the Quang Tin province of Vietnam, where about 2,500 hostile troops were entrenched near the village of Dong Son. He raced through an open area under heavy fire to reach stranded Marines. He grabbed a wounded radio-telephone operator and dragged him out of immediate danger. He immediately began caring for the wounded and dying. A mortar round landed close by, wounding him in the face and then in the legs and arms. He also lost part of his right hand. While helping a wounded corpsman, he placed his body between the corpsman and enemy fire. As he was trying to bandage the corpsman's wounds, an enemy machine gun operator killed them both.

Fr. Capodanno received the Medal of Honor posthumously on January 7, 1969, "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." He received the Bronze Star Medal for bravery under battle conditions. The keel for the destroyer escort *USS Capodanno* was laid on February 25, 1972. The ship was christened and launched on October 21, 1972, commissioned on November 17, 1973, and decommissioned on July 30, 1993, after operations in the Western Atlantic, West Africa, the Mediterranean, and South America. The vessel was designed for optimum performance in anti-submarine warfare.

