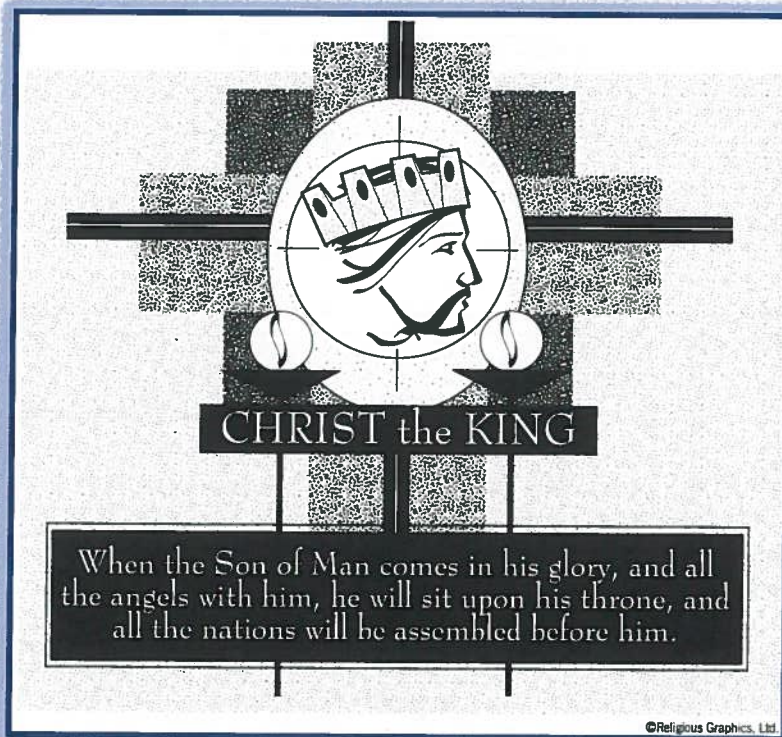


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Nov. 21-22, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, November 23 (SMM)**
 8:00 am +Tom Hughes (Pat/Carl Kosievcar)
- Tuesday, November 24 (SH)**
 8:00 am +Gary Lissy, Jr. (Mariann Sanders)
- Wednesday, November 25 (SJ)**
 8:00 am +Alvin Saathoff (Noreen Saathoff)
 7:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving at SMM
- Thursday, November 26 (SJ)**
 9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 27 (SMM)**
 8:00 am +Butch Lambert (The Andrzejewskis)
- Saturday, November 28 (SMM)**
 5:00 pm +Patrick Hauert (Margaret/Roger Jensen)
 +Tom O'Connor (Margaret/Roger Jensen)
- Sunday, November 29**
- 7:30 am +Susan Soucie (Pauline/Don Hebert)
 +Don St. Germaine, Sr. (Pat/Rick Anderson) (SH)
- 9:00 am +Mary Ann O'Connor (Tom/Madelyn McGann)
 +Fred Gohlke (The Family) (SJ)
- 10:30am For All the Parish Family (SMM)

A Stewardship Moment — Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21-22

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all the nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are the instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers or strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary Sat. 4:15 pm
 Sacred Heart Sun. 7:05-7:20 am
 St. James Sun 8:35-8:50 am



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Quotable: "No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."
 - St. Ambrose

First Sunday of Advent—November 28-29, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Nov. 28 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Nov. 29 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Nov. 29 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Nov. 29 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Jason Piper	Dale Pfeiffer Dennis Pankey	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter— D. Bernicky R.Leader—R. Thiesen	Darren Lovell Jeremy Wolles Larry Wolles
Lector	Rob Landeck	Mike Hertz	Craig Frerichs	Steve Jacob

ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ 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

- Monday, Nov. 23**—SMM CCW meeting 7 pm **Canceled**
- 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

With the rising numbers of COVID cases in our area, all Parish meetings will be canceled until further notice.

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Heroes for All God's People (Part 4)

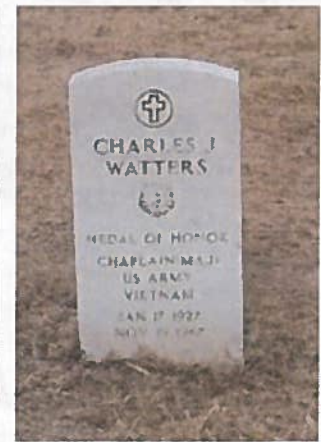
Fr. Charles J. Watters Vietnam

Fr. Watters, a Jersey City, NJ, native and US Army Airborne paratrooper chaplain, earned his Medal of Honor for his heroism in 1967 during the Battle of Dak-To in Vietnam. He was ordained a priest in 1953 and served in several parishes. Fr. Watters became a New Jersey Air National Guard chaplain in 1962 and joined the US Army as a chaplain in 1964. In 1966, he was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in the Republic of Vietnam. After he completed his one-year tour, he extended his tour for six months and kept helping line units in the field.

On November 19, 1967, Fr. Watters was with troops fighting for Hill 875 around Dak-To. Without concern for his own safety and facing continual fire from automatic weapons, mortars, and small arms, he worked on the battlefield collecting men to get them to safety and administering last rites to those who had fallen.

As the fighting intensified, Chaplain Watters continued to carry soldiers off the battlefield, including a paratrooper who was in an exposed position, in shock, and unable to move. Despite being vulnerable to enemy and friendly fire, he continued clearing soldiers from the field, providing food and water, helping medics with the wounded, and administering the sacraments. He died as he was administering the last rites to a dying GI when a 500-pound bomb was dropped short from a friendly air strike.

Army Maj. Charles Joseph Watters received the Medal of Honor posthumously on November 4, 1969 "for his conspicuous gallantry...unyielding perseverance and selfless devotion to his comrades." He was the first Army chaplain since the Civil War to receive this honor. The US Army Chaplain Center and School renamed its building Watters Hall. In Fr. Watters' hometown in 1988, P.S. 24 was named Chaplain Charles J. Watters School.



Chaplains on the Road to Sainthood

Causes for canonization have been opened for two of the chaplains profiled in this edition of *Liguorian*.

Pope St. John Paul II in 1993 named Fr. Emil Kapaun, who served in World War II and Korea, Servant of God.

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints declared Vietnam veteran Fr. Vincent Capodanno a Servant of God in 2006. The US Archdiocese for the Military Services completed its four-year inquiry into the life of Fr. Capodanno in 2017 and relayed its findings to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

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Heroes for All God's People continued...

Chaplain Earned Medal of Honor and Later Gave It Back

Angelo Charles Liteky, at the time a Catholic chaplain, received the Medal of Honor for carrying twenty men to safety and to a landing zone while facing heavy enemy fire in December 1967. When he was unable to carry heavy soldiers, Liteky placed them on his stomach and used his elbows and heels to move out of danger. He directed medevac helicopters to the area and sustained painful wounds to his neck and a foot. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1968.

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No matter what's going on in your life,
there is ALWAYS something to be



DUDE! I HAVE A TON OF
ONLINE FOLLOWERS AND
THEY ALL WANT TO HAVE
ME OVER FOR DINNER!



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for Thanksgiving

Gracious and loving God,

As the autumn season
continues its transformation
and the days become shorter,
the earth cooler;
as we join family and friends
in joy and celebration
on Thanksgiving Day,
we pause to give You thanks
and praise
for the abundant blessings
You have bestowed upon us:
For life and health, safety
and comfort,
food and nourishment.

Through your Spirit,
open our hearts so that we may be
even better stewards of Your
many blessings.
Show us how to be a blessing
for the poor, sick, lonely
and all who suffer.
And help us nurture the gift of faith,
revealed to us by your Son,
Jesus Christ,
our greatest gift,
who reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.



Collections Week of Nov. 14-15

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 1,330
St. James—\$700 RE Collection—\$355
Sacred Heart—\$1,295
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. If your envelopes are not there, please call the church office. You may notice that your number has changed, that is not a mistake. They have been renumbered.
- ◇ Lector workbooks are also available in each parish.

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary-

- Our CCW meeting on Monday, Nov. 23 has been canceled.
- 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-

The King of Life

The liturgy for today's Feast of Christ the King tells us that his is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Indeed, all these realities fit together perfectly. Truth and life go together, because when we know the truth about God's love and care for creation, we will respect all life. When we know the truth about ourselves, that we belong only to God, then we realize we cannot destroy any other person. A respect for life, personally as well as in our laws and policies as a nation, is the first requirement of justice and an absolute condition of peace. And the holier we are, the more we allow God's grace into our every thought and desire, the more we will adhere to truth, defend life, and promote justice and peace.



We'll come to you
a virtual marriage encounter



restore
communication
rekindle
romance
renew
commitment

2021 February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7PM
For more information call 630-577-0778 or to apply go to www.wwme-Chicagoland.org



crafting connections



Tuesday, December 8, 2020
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



This event will be live on Microsoft Teams



Please join us for an afternoon of crafting fun! We will create a decorative holiday plate using a clear plate, decorative towel, and mod podge. Participants can choose one of the two designs shown above. Tablets for accessing the class are available if needed. This event is for Kankakee County residents only

Pre-registration is required by Monday, November 30th.
Please call Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910 to register.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



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

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

Saint of the week: St. Catherine of Alexandria (Nov. 25) was born to nobility. She was learned in science and oratory. Catherine converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. When she was 18 years old, during the persecution of Maximinus, she offered to debate the pagan philosophers. Many were converted by her arguments, and immediately martyred. Maximinus had her scourged and imprisoned. The empress and the leader of the army of Maximinus were amazed by the stories, and went to see Catherine in prison. They converted and were martyred. Maximinus ordered her broken on the wheel, but she touched it and the wheel was destroyed. She was beheaded, and her body whisked away by angels.



Immensely popular during the Middle Ages, there were many chapels and churches devoted to her throughout western Europe, and she was reported as one of the divine advisors to Saint Joan of Arc. Her reputation for learning and wisdom led to her patronage of libraries, librarians, teachers, archivists, and anyone associated with wisdom or teaching. Her debating skill and persuasive language has led to her patronage of lawyers. And her torture on the wheel led to those who work with them asking for her intercession. She was one of the *Fourteen Holy Helpers*.

While there may well have been a noble, educated, virginal lady who swayed pagans with her rhetoric during the persecutions, the accretion of legend, romance and poetry has long since buried the real Catherine.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Clement of Metz (Nov. 23) was the Bishop of Metz, France; tradition says he was sent there as a missionary by Saint Peter the Apostle. Legend says that when Clement arrived in Metz, the area was besieged by the *Graouilly*, a large, poison-breathed serpent that lived in a local Roman amphitheater with an army of snakes. Clement chased away the snakes and banished the *Graouilly* by making the Sign of the Cross at them. This led to the conversion of the whole town.

Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving holiday is an excellent time to rediscover the psalms of praise and thanksgiving. When you find a quiet moment, sit and relax with your Bible. Think of a time when awe and gratitude overwhelmed you. Maybe it was a sunrise, or children playing in a park, an inspirational hymn at Mass, a family gathering, or a walk in the woods. Remember how you appreciated

that special moment. Then, open your Bible to one of the psalms of thanksgiving and recite it to yourself. Take Psalm 118 for instance: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Listen to the words. Close your eyes. Let the psalm speak to you. Other psalms of praise and thanksgiving you might consider include Psalms 92, 95, 98, 100, 103, 104, 105, 107, 111, 117,

145, and 147. Whatever psalm you choose for that quiet moment, thank God for that special time of awe as well as all the good things in your life, and praise God for his glorious deeds.

