

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov. 7-8, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, November 9 (SMM)**
8:00 am +Gary St. Pierre (Roger/Margaret Jensen)
- Tuesday, November 10 (SH)**
8:00 am No Mass
- Wednesday, November 11 (SJ)**
8:00 am No Mass
- Friday, November 13 (SMM)**
8:00 am No Mass
- Saturday, November 14 (SMM)**
5:00 pm +Frieda Boyd (The Family)
+Madonna Hoffman (The Family)
- Sunday, November 15**
7:30 am For All the Parish Family (SH)
9:00 am +Jim & Eleanor McBarnes (Larry & Janice O'Connor)
+Bonnie Draper (Richard/Kathy Dumas) (SJ)
10:30am +Jack Jacob (Lisa, Nicole, Whitney Beck)
+Dr. Igor Dubravec (The Family) (SMM)

A Stewardship Moment — Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of November 7-8
Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent. The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent bridesmaids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than they had expected. And the wait was long. Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences. Good stewards heed Jesus' warning: Be prepared to wait for the Lord's return. Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait? Will the "flames" of passion for the Lord endure? What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out?

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

The WORD of the LORD  Renews and gives life to my soul

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Quotable: *““Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things.”*
 Saint Mary MacKillop.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 14-15, 2020

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Nov. 14 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Nov. 15 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Nov. 15 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Nov. 15 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Robbie Landeck	Dennis Pankey James Mallaney	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter— Jerry Ogrentz R.Leader—Karen Miller	Erik Wheeler Connor Settles Nick Zerebny
Lector	Jackie Eberle	Terri Weakley	Mary Peerbolte	Corinn Wheeler

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.



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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Please pray for the repose of the soul of
 +Aldine O'Brien
 Mother of Donna (Steve) Jacob

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

ST. JAMES, SACRED HEART, ST. MARGARET MARY'S PARISH MISSION

With Fr. Louis Guardiola, a member of the Fathers of Mercy

Sunday, Nov. 15—Thursday, Nov. 19

7 pm each evening

Program

Sunday at St. Margaret Mary

The Last Four Things: Death, Judgment,
Heaven and Hell

Monday at St. James

Confession: The Sacrament of Divine
Mercy

Tuesday at Sacred Heart
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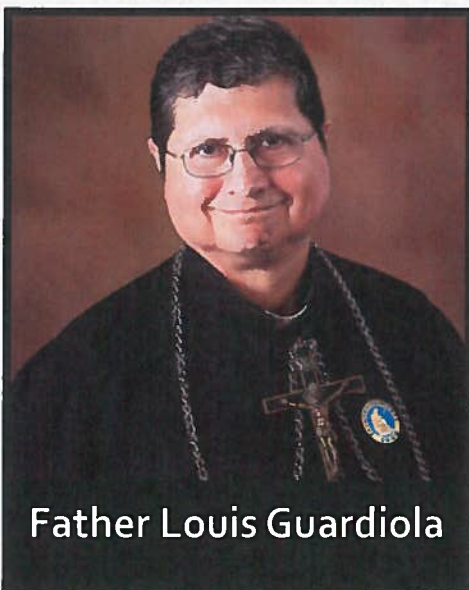
The Holy Eucharist: Sacrifice, Commun-
and Real Presence

Wednesday at St. James

The Culture of Life vs. The Culture of
Death: the Eucharistic Solution

Thursday at St. Margaret Mary

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the
Church



Father Louis Guardiola

Masks will be required and social distancing will be in place both in the churches and halls.

There will be refreshments and a time for fellowship each evening after the program in the church halls.

Heroes for God and all His Children (part 2)

Father Kapaun, born on a Kansas farm in 1916, was ordained a priest in 1940 at Sacred Heart College in Wichita. He preached his first sermon in Bohemian (his family's native language) from the pulpit in the same church in which he was baptized. He joined the US Army Chaplain Corps and served as a Catholic chaplain at Camp Wheeler, GA, in 1944. For the remainder of World War II, Chaplain Kapaun served as an Army chaplain in India and Burma, often traveling thousands of miles in an old Jeep to forward military areas to celebrate Mass for souls in his care. He became a captain in 1946 and was stationed in Calcutta, a short distance from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta's convent school. He returned to the United States, left the military for a time and attended college on the GI bill. He earned a master's degree from the Catholic University of America in education.

Fr. Kapaun soon felt his conscience called him to return to priestly duties as a military chaplain. His home bishop authorized the move, and on July 18, 1950, Chaplain Kapaun found himself at Po Hong Dong, Korea, helping the US Army's First Calvary Division. He prayed with the dying and avoided serious injuries despite the fierce battles that surrounded him.

On November 1, 1950, (All Saints' Day), Chinese Communist Forces at Unsan, Korea, brutally attacked American troops who became surrounded by hostile forces. Chaplain Kapaun walked in a no-man's land providing comfort and medical help to his comrades. Despite orders to evacuate, Fr. Kapaun stayed behind to care for the wounded, fully aware he would be captured.

Intense hand-to-hand combat began on November 2 (All Souls' Day). Three thousand men faced 20,000 relentless Chinese troops. With complete disregard for his own safety, Fr. Kapaun pushed aside a Chinese soldier as he was about to execute Sergeant First Class Herbert A. Miller. His courage and leadership saved the sergeant's life but also inspired those present to remain, not flee, and fight the aggressor. Despite the intense gunfire, he dragged the wounded out, gave the last rites to the dying and even heard confessions.

He helped a wounded Chinese officer and convinced him to negotiate with Chinese and North Korean soldiers for a safe surrender of the American troops. Fr. Kapaun and his fellow prisoners walked on a long "death march" without food and mostly at night. Those who failed to keep up were shot.

Despite Korea's brutal subzero winter temperatures that dropped to forty degrees below zero, Chaplain Kapaun continued his mission to care for the wounded, console the dying, and lead prayers with fellow prisoners of war of all faiths and beliefs. He used the skills he learned on his family's farm in Kansas to forage for food and produce and store clean water. He defied the Communist guards and continued to pray openly with the troops, despite enduring a "punishment hole" or standing for hours on a block of ice.

Somehow he managed to smuggle and then conceal a pyx (a small round container) to carry a consecrated host (Eucharist). The Communist captors desecrated it, but his fellow captives demanded its return before they left at the end of the Korean War. Fr. Kapaun suffered a severe eye infection and a painful leg clot on the battlefield, which soon became debilitating. His captors forced him into the prison hospital, a move his fellow prisoners considered a certain death sentence. On May 6, 1951, after two days, Captain Kapaun died. Army records indicate he died of pneumonia that had swept through the camp, but his fellow prisoners claim his jailers gave him no food or water, leading to a cruel and horrible death. He remains in an unmarked grave in Korea. Fr. Kapaun was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously on April 11, 2013.



THANK YOU VETERANS



Collections Week of Oct. 31—Nov. 1

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 2,847

St. James—\$ 864

Sacred Heart—\$ 546

Thank you for your generosity



Thank you to everyone at all three parishes who participated in the "Boxes of Joy" program this year.

Sacred Heart surpassed last year's numbers by 7 boxes for a total of 40 children blessed with boxes this

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
SHELBY AND TYLER HARRIS
WHO WERE JOINED
IN HOLY MATRIMONY
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
AT ST. JAMES**



Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary-

- At the Nov. 23 CCW meeting, we will be making wreaths for the shut ins.



Sacred Heart-

- Our CCW will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 7 pm in the church hall. Hostesses for the evening are Pam Dumas and Lori Jensen.
- The cleaning of the hall for the Mission has been changed and is now scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 at 9 am.
- 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*.
- St. James will not have the Christmas Pageant or raffle this year because of Covid. In place of that money raiser, we will have a 2nd collection on November 15 to help with expenses for our Religious Education program. Please consider a donation to help our children with their religious education. Thank you.

St. John Paul II CCW Christmas Past Sale

Saturday, November 21, 2020 8AM – 4PM

At Lisieux Pastoral Center (no reservation)

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Please call ... 5002 for more information



Fr. Ron shooting a line to the pier from the deck of the USS Mt. Whitney in 1999.

Fr. Ron on an anti-aircraft gun at an Iraqi military base in 2003



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

Saint of the week: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Nov. 13) was one of thirteen children raised on a farm. She received a convent education and training as a teacher. She tried to join the order at age 18, but poor health prevented her taking the veil. A priest asked her to teach at a girls' school, the *House of Providence Orphanage* in Cadagono, Italy, which she did for six years. She took religious vows in 1877, and acquainted herself so well at her work that when the orphanage closed in 1880, her bishop asked her to found the *Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart* to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Pope Leo XIII then sent her to the United States to carry on this mission.



She and six *Sisters* arrived in New York in 1889. They worked among immigrants, especially Italians. Mother Cabrini founded 67 institutions, including schools, hospitals, and orphanages in the United States, Europe, and South America. Like many of the people she worked with, Mother became a United States citizen during her life, and after her death she was the first US citizen to be canonized.



Obscure saint of the week: Saint Theodore Tyro (Nov. 9) was a Roman general (*stratelates*) who became a Christian during a time of persecution. Exposed as a Christian, a military tribunal decided he was a good soldier who had made a mistake, told him to reconsider, and set him free; he promptly burned down a pagan temple. Arrested again, he was ordered to apostatize, then tortured by having his flesh torn off; he responded by reciting the Psalms. He was a martyr.

This program is more important than ever this year as many seniors are suffering from extreme loneliness and depression due to the Covid restrictions. Please consider making a Senior's Christmas a special one.

Share the Warmth of the Holiday Season

For the 19th year, we are proud to invite you to participate in Catholic Charities' Christmas Outreach Program: **Sharing the Warmth**. This program is a simple and rewarding way to send someone a message that they are loved and appreciated. Based on your interest and financial commitment, you will be anonymously matched to one or more seniors in need. As a donor, you will receive a copy of their requests and can provide as much as you are able. Your gift will be hand delivered in time for them to enjoy a memorable Christmas.



YOU have the power to affect people at what could be their loneliest time of the year.

YOU get to choose what gifts to give based on a list of suggestions.

YOU personally wrap each gift and include a card, ensuring that your personal touch reaches that individual.

For more information or to sponsor a senior, please contact Jennifer at jwick@cc-doj.org or 815-724-1128 before November 10, 2020.

For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.