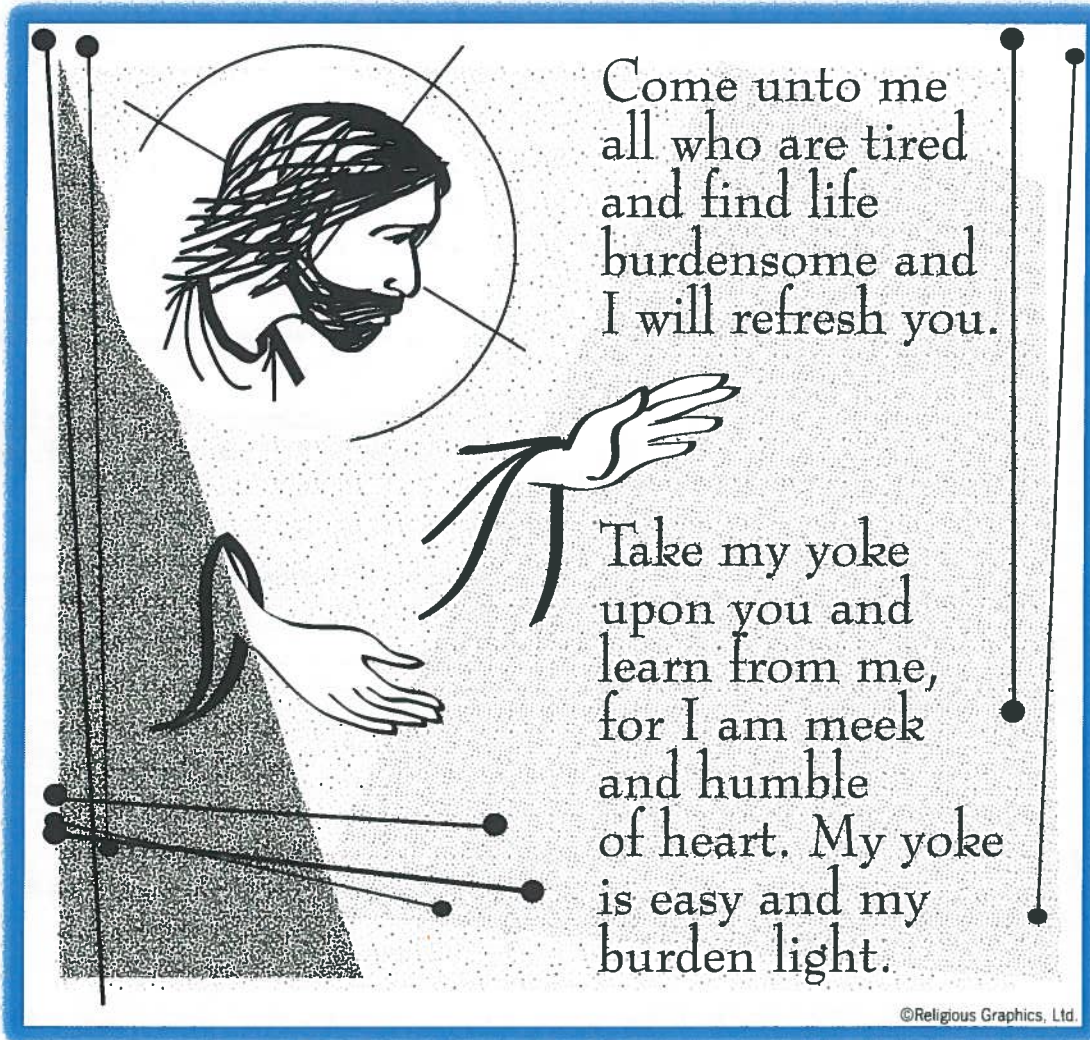


The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27-28, 2020

Church Mailing Address:

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Phone: 815-426-2550



In loving memory Jerome "Jerry" Whalen (SH)

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: "Government should uphold--and not undermine--those institutions which are custodians of the very values upon which civilization is founded: religion, education and, above all, family." - Ronald Reagan

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11-12, 2020

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Saturday, July 11 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Sunday, July 12 7:30 am</b>	<b>St. James Sunday, July 12 9:00 am</b>	<b>St. Margaret Mary Sunday, July 12 10:30 am</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Emling Roger Jensen	Dale Pfeiffer James Mallaney	Todd Mesewicz Rick White Dallas Ferris Jeff Steinke	Darren Lovell Joe Smolkovich Nick Zerebny
<b>Lector</b>	Bobbi Buza	Darlene Cipcich	Mary Peerbolte	Dana Masching

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, July 6

8:00 am +Francis O'Brien (Dennis & Sue O'Connor) (SMM)

#### Tuesday, July 7

8:00 am +Phyllis Buza (Terri & Jerry Weakley) (SH)

#### Wednesday, July 8

8:00 am +Lavern Morrical (SJ)

#### Friday, July 10

8:00 am +Gary Lissy Jr. (Marian Sanders) (SMM)

#### Saturday, July 11

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

#### Sunday, July 12

7:30 am +Rosalie Denault, Floyd Tobenski, Francis Berns,  
Peggy Pepin (The Family)

+Geraldine Tobenski (Jackie Cross) (SH)

9:00 am +Harold Devine & Laurie Hansen (Louise Devine)

+Maxine Osmonson (Noreen Saathoff) (SJ)

10:30am +Thomas O'Connor (Roger & Margaret Jensen)

+Laura Jensen (Brenda Grob) (SMM)

### A Look Ahead

Tues., July 21—St. James Parish Council 7 pm

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### Week of June 27-28 - Collections

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,360    Peters Pence- \$345  
St. James—\$1,208         Priest Pensions- \$246  
Sacred Heart—\$588        Priest Pensions- \$230

**Thank you for your generosity**

#### ALL PARISHES-

- ◆ Thank you to everyone for all of your patience and understanding as we navigate through the procedures designed to make all feel safe and stay healthy as we welcome parishioners back into our church buildings for public masses. The people who have volunteered to be on the reopening committees are doing their very best to adhere to the policies given to us by the Diocese of Joliet. Please continue to be patient and understanding.
- ◆ Our religious education programs will be returning to in person instruction in the Fall as well. 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

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of July 4/5, 2020

One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today's Gospel reading: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we take a break, go for a walk, or when the opportunity presents itself, take a few days off. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with this time of uncertainty and its complex issues deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+Jerome "Jerry" Whalen

Husband of Diane Whalen

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Amen

Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



#### Parish News:

**St. Margaret Mary-**

**Sacred Heart-**

- ◆ **Sacred Heart Rectory**—I am looking for a couple of volunteers to help me go through the stuff at Sacred Heart rectory. We need to decide what to keep and what to dispose of. If you are interested please call the office (not the rectory) and we will arrange a day to begin this task. Fr. Ron

**St. James -**

- ◆ **We could certainly use a few more volunteers to be ushers at St. James. If you are interested in being a part of the ushering ministry, please call the office with your contact information. Men, women, young adults are all welcome. Thank you!**



The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-second Annual Wedding Anniversary

Mass on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, please contact the parish office by June 8th so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+Cecelia Monk

Mother of Marilyn (Dale) Pfeiffer

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Amen

Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.



Congratulations to Brett and Meagan Ferris who were united in Holy Matrimony on July 4.

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

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for July  
Dearest Lord,  
As we continue to confront the pains and struggles in our lives and in the life of our country, whose birth we celebrate this month, the tensions, anxieties and fears that pervade us cry out to you for healing, courage, faith and hope.

Be with your people now.  
Show us a sign of your presence.  
Do not leave us in fear and despair.  
Let us know that you are ever faithful and will not abandon us.

We pray that all who suffer may find comfort in you who have carried all the sufferings of the world and have died to bring new life. May all those who are in agony and pain see in your cross a sign of hope.

Give us the wisdom to be good stewards of your Gospel.  
And show us how we may more readily reveal your presence to all those most in need of a sign of your boundless love and mercy.

You who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

From the Pastor's



July 4-5, 2020 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saint of the week: St. Maria Goretti** (July 6) was a beautiful, pious farm girl, one of six children of Luigi Goretti and Assunta Carlini. In 1896 the family moved to Ferriere di Conca. Soon after, Maria's father died of malaria, and the family was forced to move onto the Serenelli farm to survive.

In 1902 at the age twelve, Maria was attacked by 19-year-old farm-hand Alessandro Serenelli. He tried to rape the girl who fought, yelled that it was a sin, and that he would go to hell. He tried to choke her into submission, then stabbed her fourteen times. She survived in hospital for two days, forgave her attacker, asked God's forgiveness of him, and died holding a crucifix and medal of Our Lady. She was counted as a martyr.

While in prison for his crime, Alessandro had a vision of Maria. He saw a garden where a young girl, dressed in white, gathered lilies. She smiled, came near him, and encouraged him to accept an armful of the lilies. As he took them, each lily transformed into a still white flame. Maria then disappeared. This vision of Maria led to Alessandro's conversion, and he later testified at her cause for beatification.



**Obscure saint of the week: St Dominica of Campania (July 6)** was the daughter of Doroteo and Arsenia. She was martyred in the persecutions of Diocletian for destroying pagan idols.

## Our Thicker Bible Part 2

### Old Testament History/ The Septuagint

Jews wrote the first sacred writings or scrolls, which became known as the Old Testament, over a 1,000-year period. Those ancient works reflect the Israelites' relationship with God; their history, laws, literature, poetry, and other writings. The documents are divided into the Torah (laws), the prophets, and the other work. At least by 400 BC, the five books of the Torah had been authenticated and provided authoritative laws of God for the Jews to follow. The books of the prophets developed by 200 BC, and the other writings near ad 100. Together they comprise the canon of the Hebrew Old Testament. *Canon* is a catalog of inspired writings.

By 326 BC, Alexander the Great (who reigned from 336–323 BC) had conquered much of the known world, including Syria, Egypt, India, Turkey, and Iran. In a short time, the language spoken in most locations became overwhelmingly Greek. There were many Jews for several reasons, dispersed or relocated outside Palestine and a Greek translation of the Bible was needed. Around 250 BC, a group of seventy Jewish rabbis came from Jerusalem to Alexandria, Egypt, a place where there was a large population of Jews. The rabbis were tasked to translate the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek. Initially the translation only concerned the Torah but soon included the Hebrew Old Testament books (scrolls) plus some that had been written and used by the Greek-speaking, dispersed Jews. The translation became known as the *Septuagint*, or seventy (LXX), in reference to the number of rabbis who completed the work.

By 280 bc the Septuagint comprised the Hebrew Scriptures plus Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees, and the added chapters to Esther and Daniel. The Septuagint was used through the time of Christ. It was the Old Testament of Jesus and the apostles, and it was relied on by the writers of the New Testament. It wasn't until the apostles began using the Septuagint while converting Jews and Gentiles to Christianity that the Palestinian Jews took exception to the Septuagint. In ad 90, Jewish leaders met at Jamnia (in modern Israel), and while the details of this meeting vary, it is clear that the Jews did not support the Septuagint as the true Hebrew Old Testament. Their objection, after 300 years, was primarily against the added books. At this gathering, Jews decided criteria for the books in the Old Testament: they had to be written in Palestine, in the Hebrew language and not after Ezra (450 bc). That criterion eliminated anything not in the original Hebrew Scriptures. The Jews' decision had no authority over the Christians who used the Septuagint as the Old Testament until St. Jerome translated a new Bible into Latin in the fourth century.

Around ad 94, the Palestine Jews put together their Old Testament canon. They deliberately fit everything into twenty-two books because the number twenty-two is the number of letters in the God-given Jewish alphabet. They combined thirty-nine of the forty-six books we have in the Catholic Old Testament today. For example, they counted the books of the twelve minor prophets as one, they counted 1 and 2 Chronicles as a single book, the same for 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Samuel, and they combined Ruth and Lamentations, as well as others. Later, the Jewish fathers separated Jeremiah and Lamentations, Ruth, and Judges, making the number of books total twenty-four.

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