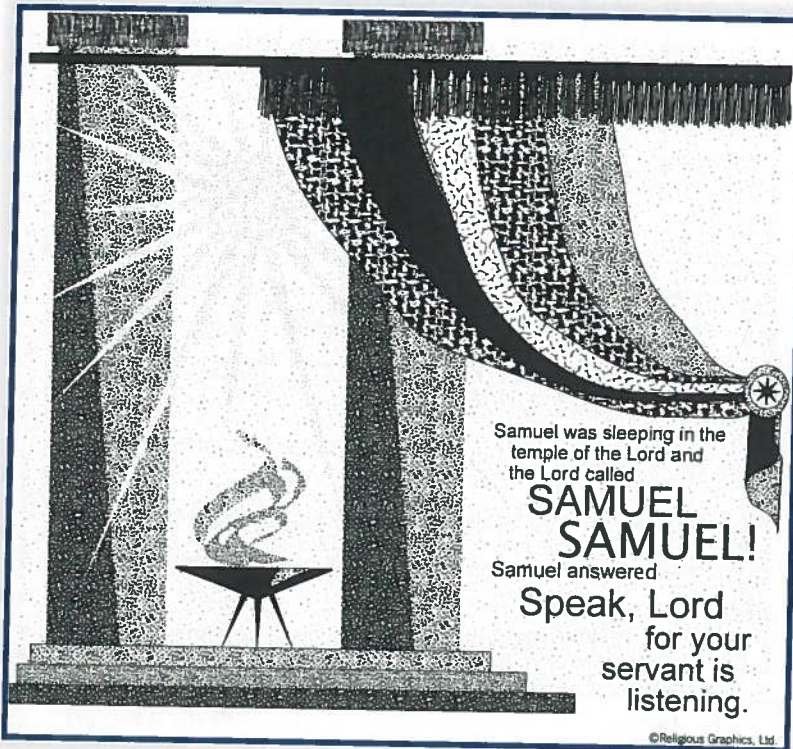


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16-17, 2021



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 18 (SMM)

8:00 am +Rita Deany (Gene O'Connor)

Tuesday, January 19 (SH)

8:00 am +Jerry Whalen (Terri/Jerry Weakley)

Wednesday, January 20 (SJ)

8:00 am +Dorine Schafer (Bea Papineau)

Friday, January 22 (SMM)

8:00 am +Jim Gray (Pat Gray)

Saturday, January 23 (SMM)

5:00 pm +Sterling Bouchard (Mr/Mrs Keith Lakin)

+Louis, Charlotte, Madeline Hildebrand
 (Mariann Lane)

Sunday, January 24

7:30 am +Genevieve Gruber, Alfred Denault, Vicki Hensley, Madeline Sullivan, Norma Denault, Elizabeth Fitch (The Family) (SH)

9:00 am +Bob & Marge Dittrich (Tom., Cathy, Gene O'Connor)

+Dorene O'Connor (The Peerboltes) (SJ)

10:30am For All the Parish Family (SMM)

A Stewardship Moment Weekend of Jan. 16-17, 2021

Christian stewardship begins with the call to discipleship and in today's Gospel we discover those first individuals who sought out Jesus and wanted to listen to him, learn from him and stay with him. Today, Christian stewards search out the hidden presence of Jesus in their own lives every day. They know Christ is the "Messiah" who will one day bring about a perfect restoration to a troubled world. They further understand that they are sacraments of his hidden presence in the world. Their task is to make that reality known through their own words and actions. What is one thing we can do to be better stewards of Christ's life in us?

Confessions:

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

Hear the Word



of the LORD

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Quotable: "God speaks in a soft voice I can hear better when I resolve to listen and stop putting words in His mouth."

— Elaine Orabona Foste

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 23-24, 2021

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Jan. 23 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Jan. 24 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Jan. 24 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Jan. 24 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Jason Piper	Daryl Ferris Dale Pfeiffer	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter— Karen Miller R.Leader—N. Saathoff	Bill Powers Marco Smolkovich Darren Lovell
Lector	Jackie Eberle	Mike Hertz	Andy Hansen	Dana Masching



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+ Duane Ferris

Husband of Shirley Ferris

Father of Daryl (Connie) Ferris

Brother of Dallas (Joyce) Ferris

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

Our deepest sympathy to Duane's family and friends.

A Look Ahead

Jan. 23-24—2nd collection for Africa and Latin America
Sunday, Jan. 24—In person Religious Ed classes resume at SMM

Mon., Jan. 25—Knights of Columbus meeting 7pm at SJ

"Isn't it interesting that all of those people who support the choice of abortion have already been born?"

Pres. Ronald Reagan

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.
- ◆ The Prayer Hour on Mondays has been canceled until further notice.
- ◆ **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

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Collections Week of Jan. 9-10

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,323

St. James—\$892

Sacred Heart—\$676

Thank you for your generosity



There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Monday, January 25 at St. James at 7 pm.

A Sunday Connection:

Celebrate your baptism day!

- Do you know the date of your own baptism? If not, this would be a great time to find out.
- Mark your calendar to celebrate the anniversary of each family member's baptism each year as your special moment when God showed the world that you belong to him!
- Talk about who attended the baptism— godparents, grandparents, cousins
- Share pictures

DO YOU CARE FOR A LOVED ONE?
AN ILL SPOUSE, AGING PARENT OR CHILD WITH DISABILITIES?

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We invite you to connect with other caregivers
Nourish for Caregivers supports the practical emotional and spiritual needs of all who offer care for others during this time of uncertainty and anxiety



This online caregiver support ministry sponsored by
The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Monthly meetings will be held via Zoom
at 1pm and again at 7pm on these dates:

DATES	SESSION TOPICS
Feb 22, 2021	The Thing About Compassion
Mar 22, 2021	One is Enough! Learning to Live One Day at a Time
Apr 19, 2021	Walking with Christ, Nourished by Grace
May 17, 2021	End of Life, Planning for and Making Decisions
Jun 21, 2021	Roles in Caregiving and the Decisions We Face
Jul 19, 2021	More in Music – Where Words Fail, Music Speaks
Aug 16, 2021	Speak Up! Overcoming the Challenges of Advocacy

For more information and to register, call or email:
Susan Amann at 708.790.8141 or samann@sscm-usa.org

Parish News:

Sacred Heart-

- ◆ The collection taken up in November for our parish brought in \$400. This collection was to aid in the loss of the money made by our stag/stagette which was canceled because of COVID-19.
- ◆ Rectory Update— We are in the process of reassembling the rectory at Sacred Heart. Currently it is inhabitable, but it has passed inspection by the county. As it looks now, we are in need of some "gently" used furniture. I think we could use couches, chairs, end table, and lamps for two sitting rooms on the second floor and the living room on the first floor. If you have furniture that you would like to get rid of please call the office and we will see if we can use it.—Thanks, Fr.

St. James-

- ◆ Thank you so much to the amazing people of St. James! The canned goods drive and winter clothing donations netted us two carloads to Salvation Army in Kankakee and one trunk load to the food pantry at KCC. Christmas take down was a breeze with so many willing and helping hands. Thanks again for all you do!
- ◆ An additional thank you to the person/persons that cleaned up all the downed branches at St. James after the ice storm.

Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own.

70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2021 with Bishop McNamara beginning on Sunday, January 31st! This year's theme for CSW is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Throughout CSW, Bishop McNamara will be celebrating our community, our vocations, our faculty and staff, our students and of course, you, our parishes! This is also a time when we invite new/interested families to visit our two grade school sites for an Open House. Open House tour dates at the BMCS Bradley and Bourbonnais sites will take place on February 2nd and 4th from 3:30-6:30pm and Saturday, February 6th from 9:00-11:00am. If your family is interested in attending one of our grade school Open House dates, please contact Dana Berg at dberg@bmcss.org and Sue Goselin at sgoselin@bmcss.org. If you were unable to attend Open House tours at our Kankakee site (grades 6-12) in the fall, please reach out to Terry Granger at tgranger@bmcss.org to schedule a tour. We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2021 with our community and parishes!

How does one become a saint? First of all it is a process. The first step in the process is the person being considered for sainthood has to have died. When we say someone is a saint that means they are a holy person already in heaven.

From there the person being considered for sainthood must have heroic virtue and should be recognized by the Church for the sake of the faithful on earth. The faithful can petition the bishop of the diocese in which the person lived to begin the investigation of the person and their life. Once the evidence is gathered by the bishop and found to be trustworthy, the person is given the title "Servant of God".

The bishop then sends his investigation to the Congregation of the Causes of Saint in Rome where they will conduct a further investigation. At the end of their investigation, the Congregation releases a statement attesting to the person's heroic virtue or denying it. If the Congregation affirms the person's heroic virtue they are called "Venerable".

Once called "Venerable" the person's intercession may be sought. Going forward there must be evidence of miracles occurring due to the person's intervention. These miracles must be verified by the Congregation. To be considered a miracle the event must be considered impossible outside divine explanation.

Once a miracle has been attributed to the person's intercession, a ceremony is held in which the person is proclaimed "Blessed". The final requirement is one more confirmed miracle. Once it has been confirmed the person is named "Saint". Then there is a ceremony involving a Mass at the Vatican. They are assigned a feast day that may be celebrated throughout the world.

Saint of the week: St. Fabian (Jan. 20) Fabian was a layman farmer. He came into Rome on a day when a new pope was to be elected. A dove flew into the crowd and settled on Fabian's head; the gathered clergy and laity took this as a sign that Fabian had been anointed by the Holy Spirit, and he was chosen the 20th Pope by acclamation.



He sent Saint Dionysius of Paris and other missionaries to France. He condemned the heresies of Privatus. Fabian was martyred in the persecutions of Decius.



Obscure Saint of the week: St. Henry of Uppsala (Jan. 20) While working in Rome, Henry was sent to evangelize Scandinavia, traveling with papal legate Cardinal Nicholas Breakspear, the future Pope Adrian IV. Henry was named bishop of Uppsala in 1148. He evangelized Sweden and Norway. A friend of King Saint Eric of Sweden, Henry accompanied him into battle with Finnish pirates in 1154. Eric offered friendship and Christianity to the Finns; they chose war, but lost to the Swedes. Henry then evangelized in Finland. He built a church at Nousis, Finland which became his headquarters. He was martyred by a Finnish soldier named Lalli, whom he had just excommunicated for murdering a Swedish soldier. Legend says that Lalli had a long line-continually tormented by mice as a penance for his attack.

After 75 years, this chaplain is finally getting his medal:

Following a careful review of the facts and lengthy consideration, Secretary of the Navy Kenneth J. Braithwaite has decided to posthumously award the Navy Cross to LT Thomas Conway for his actions following the 1945 attack and subsequent sinking of USS Indianapolis (C-35). **LT Conway, a catholic priest in the Naval Chaplain Corps**, is credited with supporting hundreds of adrift Sailors – many who were severely injured, delirious, and dying – by swimming to them to provide encouragement and comfort, pray with and for them, and administer sacraments prior to succumbing to his own death. His efforts were credited as a major reason 67 of the crewmembers in his group survived. The award will be presented to one of LT Conway's surviving family members during an official Navy ceremony at his home parish in Waterbury, Ct. The second-highest military decoration awarded to Sailors and Marines who distinguish themselves for extraordinary heroism, this will be the second Navy Cross awarded to a mem-