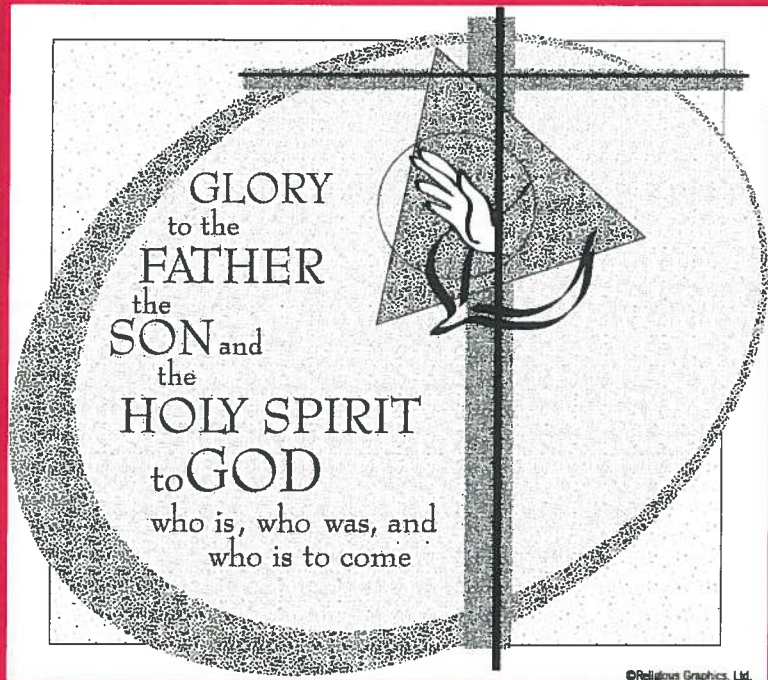


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 22-23, 2021



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 24 (SMM)

8:00 am +John Brown (Herscher Chamber of Commerce)

Tuesday, May 25 (SH)

8:00 am +Susan Soucie (Stan/Rhonda Wenzelman)

Wednesday, May 26 (SJ)

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, May 28 (SMM)

8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, May 29 (SMM)

5:00 pm +Theresa Gualandi (Roger/Margaret Jensen)
+Sterling Bouchard (Mr/Mrs Keith Lakin)

Sunday, May 30

7:30 am +Sondra Hertz (jim/Debbie Mowrey)
+Bernadette Denault (Howard/Cherie Hughes) (SH)

9:00 am +Joan Scanlon (John/Sheila Boyle)
+Mike Fritz (SJ CCW (SJ))

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

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT
WEEKEND OF MAY 22-23**

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission in the world. Pentecost Sunday reminds us that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit and that God has accomplished creative things in us through this gift. We have been entrusted with this great gift of the Holy Spirit. This great gift empowers us to be bold proclaimers of the Gospel in word and deed. It urges us to speak truth to power. It encourages us to use words and exhortations and even arguments that are meant to heal, show care and compassion and to reconcile. Now is a good time to ask: Are we being good stewards of this gift of the Holy Spirit? What creative things have we done to glorify God's accomplishments 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

Please Consider—we are in need of people to serve in the ministries for all three parishes. We will soon be asking for names of people to serve as lectors, ushers (not only men), greeters, rosary leaders, and eucharistic ministers at all three parishes. You are able to pick the parish and time (SMM) you would like to serve at. Please prayerfully consider serving in your parish.

Church Mailing Address: 207 E. 5th Street Herscher, IL 60941 Phone: 815-426-2550

Quotable: "We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of theology, but without the Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or—in the words of Our Lord—it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus."

May 29-30, 2021

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, May 29 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, May 30 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, May 30 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, May 30 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Roger Jensen Gery Wright	Kyle Ferris Dale Pfeiffer	The committee will take care of ushering duties Greeter— Rick White R. Leader—Joyce Ferris	Galen Fritz Conner Settles Joe Smolkovich
Lector	Rob Landeck	Darlene Cipcich	Jeff O'Connor	Dana Masching



Pentecost

ACTS 2:1-11



Current Status for CMAA

Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
St. MM	\$10,500	\$10,395	\$9,815
St. James	\$7,400	\$6,115	\$6,115
Sacred Heart	\$5,700	\$7,070	\$4,885

A Look Ahead

Sun., May 23—SH Parish Breakfast after Mass
May 24—Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm at SJ
Mon., May 31—Memorial Day Mass 9am at SMM
Fri., June 4—First Friday Adoration at SH
June 5-6—Knights of Columbus Food for Families Collection

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Collections Week of March May 15-16

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,858

St. James—\$2,027

Sacred Heart— \$3,508

Thank you for your generosity

**Happy 90th
Birthday!**

Happy Birthday, Madeline!

Madeline Bouchard of Herscher will be celebrating her 90th birthday June 4, 2021. Friends and family are invited to an open house in her honor on Sunday, June 6th, 2021 at St Margaret Mary's

Catholic Church parish hall, in Herscher from 11:30am until 3pm. CDC and Diocese event guidelines will be followed. No gifts, please.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+Owen Hertz

Father of Mike (Shelley) Hertz

Father of Steve (Amy) Hertz

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

Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.



**Food
Collection**

The next Knights of Columbus Food for Families collection will be on June 5-6 at all three parishes.

Anointing of the Sick

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please call the office and arrange for a day/time. In the event of an emergency contact the office first (426-2550) and call the rectory as well (426-2153). If no one answers please leave a message at both numbers and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



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Parish News:

Sacred Heart-

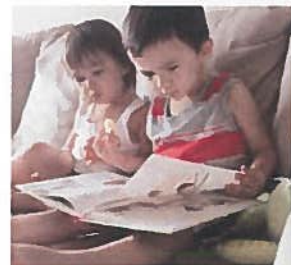
- * Envelopes are in the back of the church for those wishing to have carnations on the altar honoring all fathers on Fathers' Day. You may have carnations for both living and deceased fathers.
- * Come join us for breakfast this morning in the hall! No cost—lots of tasty breakfast items.
- * Spring Cleaning? The SH Catholic Education Fundraising Committee is having its annual garage sale July 8-11. Please drop any donations at the parish hall. Also, remember the "Pennies From Heaven" container is located in the entrance of the church. Any donations are appreciated. 100% of both fundraisers benefit the scholarship fund.

St. James-

- * We are looking for volunteers to serve on the St. James CCW executive board. If you are interested, please contact Jen Hansen.

St. Margaret Mary—

Don't forget to pick up the Children's Bulletins each week now that Religious Education has begun their summer break. They are available at each parish. Please feel free to take extra and share with family and friends.



If there is a death in your family, it would be very helpful if a family member or friend would notify the parish office of all immediate family that are parish members so we are able to include them in the bulletin. We appreciate your help with this and apologize for any omissions we may have made.

Can you help us out?

We are still looking for volunteers from all three parishes to be money counters. The money counters come in on Tuesday mornings for one month at a time. It is a great way to be of service to your parish community. If interested please call the Tri-Parish office at 815-426-2550.





Saint of the week: St. Philip Neri (May 26)



Though he was related to Italian nobility, Philip came from a poor family. His father, Francisco Neri, worked as a notary. Philip's brother died in childhood, but his two sisters, Caterina and Elisabetta survived. Known as a pious youth, Philip was taught humanities by the Dominicans.

The family moved to San Germano in 1533 to help some relatives with their business, and while there Philip would escape to a local Dominican chapel in the mountains. Having received a vision that he had an apostolate in Rome, Philip cut himself off from his family, and went there.

He was befriended by Galeotto Caccia who took Philip in and paid him to tutor his two sons. He wrote poetry in Latin and Italian. He studied philosophy and theology, and when he tired of learning, he sold all his books and gave the money to the poor.

Philip began to visit and care for the sick, and impoverished pilgrims, and founded a society of like-minded folk to do the same. He became a friend of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. A layman, he lived in the city as a hermit. During Easter season of 1544, while praying in the catacomb of San Sebastiano, he received a vision of a globe of fire that entered his chest, and he experienced an ecstasy that physically enlarged his heart.

With Persiano Rose, he founded the *Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity*. He began to preach, winning over many converts. In 1550 he considered retiring to the life of a solitary hermit, but received further visions that told him his mission was in Rome. Later he considered missionary work in India, but further visions convinced him to stay in Rome.

He entered the priesthood in 1551. Father Philip heard confessions by the hour, could tell penitents their sins before they confessed, and had the gift of conferring visions. He began working with youth, finding safe places for them to play, and becoming involved in their lives.

Pope Gregory XIV tried to make him a cardinal, but Philip declined. His popularity was such that he was accused of forming his own sect, but was cleared of this baseless charge. In 1575 he founded the *Congregation of the Oratory (Oratorians)*, a group of priests dedicated to preaching and teaching, but which suffered from accusations of heresy because of the involvement of laymen as preachers. In later years he was beset by several illnesses, each of which was in turn cured through prayer.

Obscure saint of the week: St Pere Sans Jorda (May 26) joined the Dominicans in 1697. He was ordained on September 24, 1704. He became a missionary to the Philippines in 1712. Later he went on to become a missionary to China in 1713. He was made a Co-adjutor vicar apostolic of Fo-Kien, China on January 29, 1728. Soon he became the Bishop co-adjutor and titular bishop of Mauricastro on February 24, 1730. He was named vicar apostolic of Fujian on January 3, 1732. He was imprisoned for his faith and his work in 1746. He was one of the *Martyrs of China*.





Knights of Columbus
Blessed Trinity Council

For the past Ten years several times a year the Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council has sponsored a blood drive. Brother Knight Joe Petersen, as the director for this event, has worked tirelessly to insure that this life saving venture is conducted. The blood drive recently conducted on May the 12th at St. James Hall was another success with 33 units of blood being donated. The next blood drives are to be held on September the 9th and November the 30th at St. James Hall in Erwin. Please mark your calendar and help Joe and the Knights of Columbus to make these blood drives outstanding successes.

As always, The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the community for their tremendous support during these blood drives. The thanks for the life-giving gift you give cannot be measured in words.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Carlile
Grand Knight
Blessed Trinity Council
#15032



Joe Petersen, Blood Drive Director



Honoring Veterans During the Month of May



Blessed Margaret Part 16

Evidence of Margaret's closeness to God was made known as twice she predicted the future while living with the Offrenduccio family. Now, while living with the Venturino family another miracle was about to take place. Margaret's goddaughter was sick and near death. Despite the best medical care for the time her health grew worse. The girl was even to the point of death with her family not expecting her to make it through the night. Margaret knelt down in prayer in the hallway just outside the sick girl's room. Margaret continued to kneel there prayer for many hours. As the midnight bell rang at a nearby church the child woke. The girl saw her family gathered around her and she smiled and said to them "Don't worry any more. I have been cured through the prayers of my godmother, Margaret." By morning the girl was restored to full health.

Another incident occurred which was even more miraculous. The winters in the Apennine Mountains were bitterly cold. Wealthy families were known for building huge fires in their hearth. The houses were built from wood so it was a dangerous practice. The streets in the town were very narrow putting other houses close by. It was on one of these winter days a fire broke out in the Venturino home where Margaret was living. The servants tried to extinguish it but the fire continued to spread. Going to the street shouting "Fire, fire!" the alarm went out. Men came running with buckets of water to try to stop the fire. Soon the warning bell was being rung and even more volunteers arrived to assist. The fire grew so quickly that their neighbors began to remove their prized possessions.

Seeing the fire engulf the entire house it was noted that everyone had gotten out alive. Then it was realized that Margaret was still inside. Gregoria Venturino rushed back into the house in search of Margaret. A group of men stopped Gregoria from attempting to rescue Margaret. The crowd began to shout Margaret's name, telling her the house is on fire. Blind Margaret did not panic and began to come down the stairs. Margaret responded, "Don't be afraid! Have confidence in God!" Margaret then went back up the stairs to her room and prayed. Margaret had removed her mantle and threw it on the flames. When the cloak was thrown into the flames the fire was instantly extinguished.

Church in crisis. In December 2019 Real Clear Opinion Research conducted a poll among Catholics, here are the results:

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend Mass? Weekly or more 39%, monthly/yearly 41%, less than yearly 13%, not at all 7%.

What is your view of Pope Francis' handling of the sex abuse scandal in the U.S. Catholic Church? Somewhat approve 33%, somewhat disapprove 25%, strongly approve 12%, somewhat disapprove 25%, strongly disapprove 16%.

Do you believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist? Yes 49%, no 34%, don't know 17%.

How do you view the U.S. bishop's handling of the sex abuse scandal in the U.S. Catholic Church? Strongly approve 7%, somewhat approve 23%, somewhat disapprove 27%, strongly disapprove 28%.

Sunday, May 23, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Sing a new church into being

Pentecost celebrates crowded places, multiple languages, and diverse people uniting in one Spirit. It's a hard feast to celebrate during a pandemic in an era clouded by social conflict. All the more reason to challenge ourselves by celebrating not only what makes us the same, but also what makes us different. God showers on the world "gifts that differ," as Benedictine hymnist Delores Dufner declares. So "Bring the hopes of every nation;/ bring the art of every race. /Weave a song of peace and justice;/ let it sound through time and space." And let the church say: Amen!

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (63). "There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

Monday, May 24, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The mother of all feasts

In 2018, Pope Francis created the new Marian memorial that the universal church celebrates today, the Monday after Pentecost. The title "Mother of the Church" was bestowed on Mary in 1964 by Pope Saint Paul VI at the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Her role as mother of the church goes back to when Jesus, on the cross, gave her and the beloved disciple to one another and to when she became the mother of Christ, whose body we are all members of. Not everyone has a mother figure to rely on—know that you can always rely on the mother of us all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'"

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, VIRGIN

A Spirit for the dry season

When Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun in 1583, she couldn't foresee the great physical suffering from an unknown disease that would besiege her. Nor could she foresee having the same type of ecstatic religious visions—followed by years of "spiritual dryness"—as did another Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila. Magdalene's bout of spiritual dryness, so severe that she considered suicide, ended on Pentecost in 1590. With Pentecost 2021 so recently behind us, pray as she did: "Come, Holy Spirit . . . Come, as you descended on Mary, that the Word might become flesh and work in us through grace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348). "Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously."

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Now is the time to do good

In the middle of Rome in the 16th century lived a man whose joyful nature made him something of a people magnet for both the powerful and the poor. Saint Philip Neri was a deeply spiritual man who exuded natural warmth, listened well, and in loving generosity, led others to know God. This spiritual director, priest, and confessor was known to ask, "Well, when shall we begin to do good?" It is no surprise that Neri, known as the "Apostle of Rome,"

inspired followers to join him in caring for the sick and the poor. Where can you do some good today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45 (349). "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."

Thursday, May 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Can't win them all

Augustine of Canterbury, memorialized today, is remembered as a major figure in evangelizing England. The renowned Canterbury Cathedral was built on the site of a church and monastery he built around the end of the sixth century. In spite of his stature now as "Apostle of the English," he met with bitter disappointment, too. His efforts to bring the English bishops in line with Rome were roundly rebuffed, a disappointment he took to his death. Can you let go of your failures, knowing that, like Augustine, they do not define your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 42:15-25, Mark 10:46-52 (350). "He began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.'"

Friday, May 28, 2021

Give a fig!

Figs are a popular fruit in the Bible, from Genesis with Eve and Adam wearing fig leaves clear through the Book of Revelation's apocalyptic falling of winter figs. Why so many figs? The fig itself is sweet and has lots of dietary fiber, calcium, and various minerals and vitamins. It is a great source of energy and flavor. Perhaps because it is so plentiful, delicious, and nutritious, the fig is also rich in symbolism for health and abundance. In the gospels, Jesus expects us to be like figs—to be "nutritious" to others and abundant in our presence and giving. Let us go forth to nurture the world!

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351). "As they were leaving Bethany Jesus was hungry. Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, he went over to see if he could find anything on it."

Saturday, May 29, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PAUL VI, POPE

A Pentecostal pope

The ecumenical movement received a much-needed boost during the papacy of Saint Pope Paul VI (1963-78). After the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Pope Paul went out of his way to promote ecumenical dialogue and partnership. When asked by a cardinal for permission to initiate a joint Catholic-Protestant translation of the Bible, Paul is said to have responded, "I am totally in favor!" He issued formal approval later that year on Pentecost Sunday, our recently celebrated feast commemorating the moment when the Holy Spirit allowed believers of all backgrounds and languages to truly understand each other. Come, Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33 (352). "By what authority are you doing these things?"

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

THE IMMORTAL CHAPLAINS

Feb. 3 is Four Chaplains Day. Established by Congress in 1988, the day honors the selfless sacrifice of four Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others during World War II. In 2019, a minimum of 1,663 American Legion posts nationwide observed Four Chaplains Day by conducting interfaith services, ceremonies, or other solemn events. Four Chaplains Day kicks off Religious Emphasis Week, a key part of the Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.

THE STORY

On Feb. 2, 1943, the crowded Army transport *Dorchester* made its way across the North Atlantic toward Greenland, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen, and civilian workers. At 12:55 a.m. Feb. 3, a German periscope broke the icy waters. An officer aboard U-223 spotted *Dorchester* and gave orders to fire torpedoes. The blast killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded; only 230 were rescued. According to survivors, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness: Lt. George L. Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Lt. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic) and Lt. Clark V. Polling (Dutch Reformed). As the ship sank and lifejackets ran out, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. Men in nearby rafts saw the chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, praying aloud. That night, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage, and selflessness.



THE CHAPEL

The Chapel of the Four Chaplains opened on the campus of Temple University in Philadelphia on Feb. 3, 1951. President Harry Truman dedicated the interfaith chapel and unveiled a large, 20-foot mural depicting the Four Chaplains during their final moments aboard *Dorchester*. The chapel remained on campus for three decades before renovations forced it to relocate. In 200, it moved to a decommissioned World War II Navy chapel in Philadelphia, where visitors can view the historic mural, five bronze plaques bearing the names of those who died in *Dorchester's* sinking, and four large portraits of the Four Chaplains.

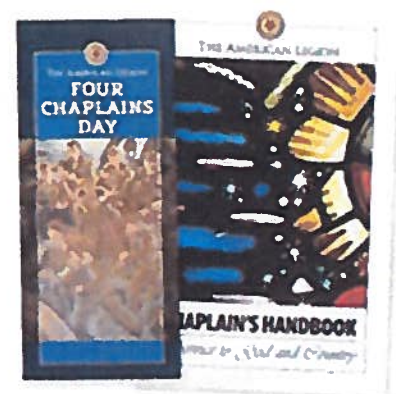


THE FOUNDATION

The mission of the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation (FCMF) is to tell the story of the immortal Chaplains to promote interfaith cooperation and selfless service among individuals and organizations. Each year, donations collected by American Legion departments and posts through Four Chaplains ceremonies and other events support FCMF programs, including the Legion of Honor awards, youth scholarships, and veterans outreach. The foundation also sponsors Emergency Chaplain & First Responder Chaplain programs, which assist American Legion chaplains nationwide in responding to natural disasters and emergencies, as well as training for first responder chaplains and mental health professionals.

Learn more about the Four Chaplains and how to conduct a Four Chaplains Day program by downloading *The American Legion Chaplain's Handbook* and Four Chaplains Day brochure.

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~Tierian "Randy" Cash, American Legion Department of North Carolina adjutant and past national chaplain.

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