

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10-11, 2021

You who have
heard the
WORD of
TRUTH and
have believed in
JESUS
were sealed with the
promised
HOLY
SPIRIT



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 12 (SMM)

9:00 am +Laura Jensen (Mary/Charles Frederichs)

Tuesday, July 13 (SH)

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, July 14 (SJ)

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, July 16 (SMM)

8:00 am +Esther/Amos Regnier (Mariann Lane)

Saturday, July 17 (SMM)

5:00 pm +John Brown (Tom, Gene, Kathy O'Connor)

+Lillian/Robert Schierer (Wayne/Julie Bisailon)

Sunday, July 18

7:30 am (SH) +Carson Cross (Eugene/Darlene Bertrand)
+Georgiann/Joseph Stalzer (Cheri/Howard Hughes)

9:00 am (SJ) +Leonard Papineau (Larry/Janice O'Connor)

+Ambrose Perreault (Bruce/Cathy Jensen)

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT WEEKEND OF JULY 10-11

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In his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul teaches that God, the Father, has established a divine plan to bring all of creation to Christ and that He has blessed us with an abundance of divine gifts to help implement that plan. Christian stewards know what their gifts are and remain committed to using them in the service of the Lord. Do we know what our gifts are? Do we believe that God has given us these gifts? Are we committed to using our gifts to serve the Lord?

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary Sat. 4:15 pm

Sacred Heart Sun. 7:05-7:20 am

St. James Sun 8:35-8:50 am

He chose us in Christ...
to be holy and blameless
before him in love

EPHESIANS 1:4



Church Mailing Address: 207 E. 5th Street Her-

Quotable: “Grant me, O Lord and God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.”

—Saint Thomas Aquinas

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17-18, 2021

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, July 17 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, July 18 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, July 18 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, July 18 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Dan Hoffman Gery Wright Gary Nelson	Dale Pfeiffer Dennis Pankey	Rick White Jerry Ogrentz Dallas Ferris Jeff Steinke	Larry Wolles Jeremy Wolles Nick Zerebny Galen Fritz
Lector	Bobbi Buza	Terri Weakley	Craig Frerichs	Diane Long
Servers	Xander Buza			Bella Eich Garret Smolkovich

Greeter—Jerry Ogrentz
Rosary Leader—R. Thiesen

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A Look Ahead

- Thurs., July 15**—Community Quilters at SJ 9 am
- Thurs., July 22**— Euchre at American Legion at 7 pm
- Sun., July 25**—Sacred Heart Scholarship applications due
- Sun., July 25**—St. James Day—9 am in hall

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Collections Week of July 3-4

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,207

St. James—\$931

Sacred Heart— \$1,524

Thank you for your generosity!

Sacred Heart Rectory

The major work on the rectory has been completed, now we are in the process of putting the house back together. It is my intention to find a retired priest to move in there and assist the parishes at this end of the diocese with sacramental ministry. I am asking families to sponsor a room. What that means is you would take care of what needed to be done in that room such as painting or other repairs. The other option would be to fund a room. In this case you would pay for the painting/repairs that are needed for that room and we would get someone to do the work. Some rooms are bigger than others as you can imagine and some rooms need more work than others. In the near future I will list the rooms in the bulletin and what they are in need of. Thank you



Herscher Community Blood Drive

Trinity Lutheran Church
225 E. Third St.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

For an appointment please call Debbie at 815
-954-1363

Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.

Parish News:

Sacred Heart-

- * The Scholarship committee is having a basket raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There is a folder in the back of the church with a picture and description of each basket. Tickets are available –please see Jackie Cross or Jamie Beedle.
- * Anyone interested in applying for the Catholic Education Scholarship, please see Cindy Gagnon in the parish hall after 7:30 am mass. The application must be filled out and returned by July 25.

St. James-

- * Mark your calendars for July 25th to celebrate St. James Day. Please join us after the 9 am mass in St. James Hall for donuts and friendship.

St. Margaret Mary—

- * **Letters of application are now being accepted** for the Theresa Fritz Catholic Education Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. Applicants must be a parishioner at St. Margaret Mary and attend a Catholic grade school, high school, or university. Please submit a letter to Fr. Ron at the Tri-Parish office explaining which school you will be attending and your reason(s) for choosing a Catholic school. Letters need to be received in the office by August 18, 2021.

A Stewardship Prayer for July

Gracious God,

You sent your Son
to proclaim the Good News,
inspire us in faith
and show us the way
to be good stewards
of Your abundant gifts .

In this month of July
dedicated to the
Most Precious Blood
of Jesus,
grant us the wisdom
to recognize
that through his gift
of the Eucharist
there is but one cup of
covenant and communion
with Christ and each other.

Through the Eucharist,
give us the courage to
be good stewards
of Christ's presence
to others in our words
and our deeds.

And through your Spirit
teach us to live,
no longer for ourselves,
but in Christ Jesus
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen



Running out of bulletins is a good thing! It means more parishioners are returning back to mass!

we have raised the number we are printing so that shouldn't happen again. Our apologies!



Saint of the week: St. Bonaventure, bishop, (July 15) was healed from a childhood disease through the prayers of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bonaventure joined the Order of Friars Minor at age 22. He studied theology and philosophy in Paris, France, and later taught there. He was a friend of Saint Thomas Aquinas and King Saint Louis IX. He earned a Doctor of Theology degree. Later he became the General of the Franciscan Order at the age of 35. After that he became the Bishop of Albano, Italy, chosen by Pope Gregory X. Bonaventure would eventually become a Cardinal. He wrote commentaries on the Scriptures, text-books in theology and philosophy, and a biography of Saint Francis. After his death he was given the title Doctor of the Church. Pope Clement IV chose him to be Archbishop of York, England, but Bonaventure begged off, claiming to be inadequate to the office. He spoke at the *Council of Lyons*, but died before its close.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Vladimir I of Kiev (July 15) was the grandson of St. Olga of Kieve and son of the pagan Norman-Rus prince Svyatoslav of Kiev and his consort Malushka. Vladimir became grand prince of Kiev and Prince of Novgorod in 970. On the death of his father in 972, he fled to Scandinavia, enlisted help from an uncle, and overcame Yaropolk, another son of Svyatoslav, who had attempted to seize Novgorod and Kiev. By 980 Vladimir had consolidated the Kievan realm from Ukraine to the Baltic Sea, and had solidified the frontiers against Bulgarian, Baltic, and Eastern nomads.



Christianity had made some progress in Kiev, but Vladimir remained pagan, had seven wives, established temples, and participated in idolatrous rites, possibly involving human sacrifice.

Around 987, Byzantine Emperor Basil II sought military aid from Vladimir. The two reached a pact for aid that involved Basil's sister Anne in marriage, and Vladimir becoming a Christian. He was baptized, took the patronal name Basil, then ordered the Christian conversion of Kiev and Novgorod. Idols were thrown into the Dnieper River, and the new Rus Christians adopted the Byzantine rite in the Old Church Slavonic language. Legend says Vladimir chose the Byzantine rite over the liturgies of German Christendom, Judaism, and Islam because of its transcendent beauty; it probably also reflected his determination to remain independent of external political control.

Byzantines maintained ecclesiastical control over the new Rus church; the Greek metropolitan for Kiev reported to both the patriarch of Constantinople and of the emperor. Rus-Byzantine religio-political integration checked the influence of the Roman Latin church in the Slavic East, and determined the course of Russian Christianity.

Vladimir expanded education, judicial institutions, and aid to the poor. He and Anne had the martyred sons Saint Boris and Saint Gleb. Following the death of Anne in 1011, another marriage affiliated him with the German Holy Roman emperors. His daughter became the consort of Casimir I the Restorer of Poland.

Your Tri-Parish Knights of Columbus Council was recently asked to assist in a community outreach project to move a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child from the old Fortin Villa residence in Kankakee to the Mother House of Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. The statue was originally donated by the Knights of Columbus to the Dominican Sisters and placed at the Alfred Fortin orphanage in 1955. Tracy Hiederman who was instrumental in the logistics and planning of the move noted that she had recently talked with one of the orphans who relayed how they could remember the statue being placed on the stone grotto which was positioned near the road on Kennedy drive. The statue was then moved indoors, when the orphanage moved from Kennedy Drive to its location on Washington Avenue. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child was placed in the lobby by the front doors on a small stand. The Villa closed its doors on March 13, 2020, due to COVID. Exactly one month later April 13, 2020, the doors closed permanently. Behind those closed doors was the Statue that needed to be returned to the Dominican Sisters.

After 8 months of being behind closed doors the Statue was finally moved to Springfield on June 9, 2021, by Brother Dave Emling and Brother Mike Hertz, members of the Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council 15032. Moving the 500+ pound statue was no easy feat but thanks to Dave, Mike, and Mr. Jeff Kregor, the statue was loaded on a cart. They then wrapped her in moving blankets and placed her on a trailer and secured her down for her trip to Springfield.

The statue was successfully moved and located at the Sacred Heart Convent. To say the nuns were very appreciative would be an understatement. The statue is now back with the Dominican Sisters thanks to your Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council.



If you are at least 18 years old, male and a practicing Catholic you may want to consider becoming a Knight of Columbus and participate in worthy causes such as this.

The Knights of Columbus are always looking for new members to help great causes like this one. If you would like more information about becoming a Knight of Columbus please talk to Deacon Ron, email is rjgckg@gmail.com and phone is 815-933-4077 , Vic Carlile Grand Knight Council 15032. My email is vicarlile51@gmail.com and my text is 815-955-6477. I am always available for questions.

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

Why should I read the Bible?

I hesitate to stamp Bible-reading as an *obligation*. We resist things that oblige us to do something, whether it's brushing our teeth or paying taxes. So let me speak not only as a catechist but also as a 30-year Bible-reading Catholic: Don't do it because you have to. Do it because it's the most wonderful choice you can make for your life!

This will come as a relief to new Bible readers: If you attend Mass regularly, you're more familiar with the Bible than you imagine. The lectionary—the book of readings used at Mass—covers a cross section of passages from the Old and New Testaments. So even though the stereotype claims that Protestants know their Bibles and Catholics don't, active Catholics may have a more comprehensive appreciation of scripture than some fellow Christians, who tend to focus on specific sections according to their denomination's (or pastor's) inclinations.

As far as personal reading goes, the idea of opening to Genesis, page one, is probably what makes many people shrink from the idea. You don't have to read scripture cover-to-cover (though kamikaze readers like me may enjoy the challenge). Some folks will appreciate support for the journey: Many parishes now sponsor Bible study or faith-sharing groups precisely for that reason. If private meditation works better for you, consider subscribing to a scripture journal that offers a daily guide through selected material.

You may also want to take baby steps in: There are page-a-day books geared to the five-minute reflection approach that provide a great introduction for beginners. It's like taking a swim class: Sign up at the level that suits your present skill and go from there. No one expects you to dive in at the deep end!

The Bible is the Mt. Everest of books; you won't conquer it at once, and it will take training to reach the exotic parts, like Maccabees or the Book of Revelation. But within a year you'll be surprised how much more comfortable and fit for the journey you are. Start today. "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

Why is the Pietà protected by glass?

Did you hear what happened to the Pietà in 1972?

The *Pietà* is a famous statue by Michelangelo that depicts the Blessed Mother holding her son, Jesus, after He died on the cross. It is currently held at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

The *Pietà*'s display is a little unusual though. It is held in the first side chapel in St. Peter's Basilica, but, unlike most other priceless works of art housed there, the statue is shielded by a wall of bulletproof glass. The *Pietà* wasn't always protected by glass. It wasn't until 1972, when the statue was brutally vandalized that the Vatican had to impose additional protections for this sacred statue.

On May 21, 1972, on the Feast of Pentecost, Australian geologist Laszlo Toth, who was living in Rome at the time, entered St. Peter's Basilica gripping a geologist's hammer. He approached the *Pietà* and jumped the altar railing in front of the statue. Falsely claiming to be the Messiah, Toth charged at the *Pietà*, shouting "I am Jesus Christ — risen from the dead!" He then violently struck the *Pietà* twelve times. Toth broke Mary's left arm and hand, her nose, and struck one of Mary's eyelids. Tourists and other bystanders swarmed the statue and pulled Toth away from the statue.

The damages on the *Pietà* were significant and required several restoration efforts. Using pieces of the statue that had broken off as well as parts of Mary's back, the Vatican was able to restore the statue to reflect its original appearance. From that point forward, the masterpiece was protected behind a glass wall to prevent future vandalism attacks.

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Ros-a-Ree Scouting Retreat



"Mystery!"

**Sherlock Scout and the Empty Tomb - A Missionary Discipleship Themed Retreat
August 14, 2021 - One Day Only This Year**

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Retreat is Designed & Led by Scouts for Scouts!

Who Can Attend? All American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Youth, Girl Scouts, Scouts BSA, & Venturers Who Will be Entering the 6th Grade (or higher) in the Fall

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Navigate to the 'A-Z' Directory and Click on [Ros-a-Ree Retreat](#)



The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-third Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass In-person and LIVE-STREAMED on Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office 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.



BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

SERVING FAMILIES FROM KANKAKEE & IROQUOIS COUNTIES

Preparing students from low-income households in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties for a successful new school year!

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2021
3:30PM - 6:00PM
KANKAKEE HIGH SCHOOL
1200 W. JEFFERY ST., KANKAKEE**

Participants will drive thru to receive school supplies (to comply with social distancing). Online pre-registration coming soon! Registrants will receive a ticket to attend the Fair.



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. LIVE UNITED CHRYSLER

Jackie Keller Memorial Golf Outing

Registration is open for the Jackie Keller Memorial Golf Outing (Caddyshack Style)!

Bishop McNamara's annual golf outing is named after one of our most beloved teachers and Bishop McNamara Alumni, Mrs. Jackie Keller. Jackie's dedication to her family, students, fellow colleagues, Bishop McNamara and her faith was unwavering. We couldn't be more honored to be able to name this event after Mrs. Jackie Keller. Golfers and non-golfers will enjoy the Jackie Keller Memorial Golf Outing! Create your dream team of 4 players! Must be 21 years or older to participate.

Friday August 6, 2021

Shamrock Golf Course, St. Anne

\$65 Per Person (Includes golf, cart, food, beer & pop, contests, and prizes.)

Registration is online only at bishopmac.com/jackiekellermemorialgolf.



Sunday, Jul 11, 2021

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Each one, bring one

A lot of things in life are lonely. Being sick, being wrong, and being broke are hours difficult to share with anyone not inside the experience. Happily, religion isn't intended to be a solitary undertaking. Jesus formed a community before he engaged his ministry, and he urged his followers to go out in pairs. If you're struggling to ground your prayer life, make a deeper commitment to Bible study, or get a work of service or justice off the ground, remember: Companions in faith make the way more joyful and fruitful.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13 (104). *"Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two."*

Monday, Jul 12, 2021

Cross purposes

No one said the path of Christian discipleship was going to be a bed of roses—but it is indeed the way of love. "The temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross," Pope Francis said—that is, to succumb to an easy albeit empty life that the world offers. Instead, "if we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy," said Francis. What's more, there's food for the journey, he reminds—we rediscover the mystery of Christ's cross every time we participate in the Eucharist.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1 (389). *"... whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."*

Tuesday, Jul 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF HENRY

Words matter

Holy Roman Emperor Henry II championed the Nicene Creed. He encouraged its official recitation during the Mass, a practice that didn't gain papal approval until the 11th century. And he promoted the *filioque*. *Filioque* is Latin for the four small words—"and from the Son"—used in the Nicene Creed to describe the origin of the Holy Spirit, who, Catholics and Protestants believe, "proceeds from the Father and the Son." Draw strength from our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God, and honor the Blessed Trinity today by praying a "Glory Be."

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented."*

Wednesday, Jul 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

See with the eyes of faith

Some people survive trials and adversity with a faith that cannot be explained. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-80) is one of those people. At the age of 4, Tekakwitha was physically scarred and left nearly blind by a smallpox epidemic that took the lives of her parents. Though she continued to live among her people, she followed a different path than most. Baptized Kateri (Catherine) at the age of 19, she soon found a distant village of Christian Native Americans who accepted her desire to remain single and devote

her life to Jesus. The life of this first Native American saint was short, but her kind and deep faith left its own lasting mark. Visit the website: Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12, Matthew 11:25-27 (391). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."*

Thursday, Jul 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Bask in reflected glory

Understanding and proving the existence of God has been a human pursuit since the beginning of time. For medieval Franciscan philosopher Saint Bonaventure, vestiges of God's existence are found in all God's creatures and, indeed, in all creation. Thus, he posits, we see God, "through a mirror." As our understanding of God increases, we begin to see God "in a mirror"; that is, we see the image and likeness of God in all things. For Bonaventure, signs of God's existence are all around, and God is present in each of us. "Therefore," says Bonaventure, one "who is not brightened by such splendors of created things is blind." Open your eyes to our all-around God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Friday, Jul 16, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The view from on high

If there were such things as spiritual "power points" on Earth, Mount Carmel would have to qualify as one. A range on the Mediterranean coast in Northern Israel, Mount Carmel has been a crossroads for religious traditions, military strife, monastic life, biblical archeology, and now, modern urban living. There is something for everyone on Mount Carmel, which is perhaps why it has a long and contentious history. Today, join your prayers for peace in the Middle East with those of Carmelites the world over. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice, you would not have condemned these innocent men."*

Saturday, Jul 17, 2021

No one is without dignity

Bruised reeds and smoldering wicks were commonly discarded in ancient society because they were no longer useful for the purpose they served. People were often treated the same way. If a person was blind, lame, or suffered leprosy, they were essentially discarded by society because they were seen as a burden that couldn't be sustained. But Jesus taught of the sacred dignity of all human life regardless of health or usefulness, and that our final judgment would be based on our treatment of the least among us. Can you take a moment today to in some way lift up a lowly or outcast person?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). *"A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—9 day at a time



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