

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28-29, 2021



Humbly
welcome the
WORD of the
LORD
that has been
planted in you and
that is able to
save you.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 30 (SMM)

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

Tuesday, August 31 (SH)

8:00 am +Jerome Whalen (Marianne Heinzl)

Wednesday, September 1 (SJ)

8:00 am +Leonard Papineau (Cathy/Bruce Jensen)

Friday, September 3 First Friday at SH

8:00 am +Sr. Helen Kavanaugh, CND (Jackie Cross)

Saturday, September 4 (SMM)

5:00 pm +Satherine Wagner (MaryAnn Wagner)

+Terry & Ruth Ohrt (Janice Schneider)

Sunday, September 5

7:30 am (SH) +Duane Ferris (Shirley St. Germaine)

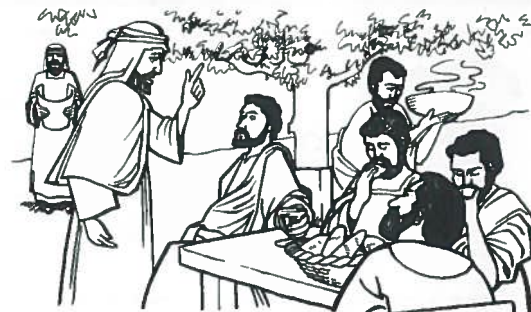
+James Palinski (Jackie Cross)

9:00 am (SJ) Special Intention of Rita Thiesen (Pam Cuchiara)

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

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT WEEKEND OF AUG. 28-29
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In the reading from the letter of St. James we are urged to be "doers" of the Gospel, not just listeners. Being a "steward" of God's Word is a matter of listening to the Good News, embracing the Good News and putting the Good News into action in our day-to-day lives. And whenever we are uncertain as to what decisions to make or actions to take as good stewards of the Gospel, St. James reminds us: We can never go wrong if we resist popular values that are not compatible with the Gospel, and we come to the aid of those who are burdened, distressed and poor.



**"Why do your disciples not follow
the tradition of the elders?"
MARK 7:5**

Confessions:

St. Margaret Mary

Sat. 4:15 pm

Sacred Heart

Sun. 7:05-7:20 am

St. James

Sun 8:35-8:50 am

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Quotable: "We may truly be said to worship God-though we lack perfection; but we cannot be said to worship Him if we lack sincerity."

~ Stephen Charnock

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4-5, 2021

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, September 4 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, September 5 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, September 5 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, September 5 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Roger Jensen Gery Wright Dan Hoffman Robbie Landeck	Kyle Ferris Daryl Ferris	Arlen Hansen Todd Mesewicz Jerry Ogrentz Dallas Ferris	Galen Fritz Corey Eich Larry Wolles Jeremy Wolles
Lector	Bobbi Buza	Rhonda Berns	Dave Ladehoff	Dana Masching
Servers	Xander Buza		Greeter— Karen Miller R. Leader—Peerboltes	Bella Eich



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Thursday, September 9 3:00–7:00 pm
at St. James Parish Hall
For appointments call or text
Joe Petersen 815-861-9634
Appointments preferred
****Masks -Social distancing****



Food Collection

The next Knights of Columbus Food for Families collection will be on Sept. 4-5 at all three parishes.

The Gillette Difference

"Mama, don't men ever go to Heaven?" asked a small boy.
 His mother answered, "of course they do! What makes you ask?"
 "Because I never saw any pictures of angels with whiskers."
 "Oh, that's because most men who go to Heaven get there by a close shave!"

A Look Ahead

Mon., Aug. 30—Combined Parish Councils meeting 7pm at SMM
Fri., Sept. 3—First Friday Adoration at SH after 8am mass until 5 pm
Sept. 4-5—K of C Food for Families Collection
Mon., Sept. 6—Herscher Labor Day Celebration
Thurs., Sept. 9-K of C Blood Drive SJ 3pm--7pm
Sept. 11-12— Second Collection for Haiti
Thurs., Sept. 16—Community Quilters 9am-2pm at SJ
Sun., Oct. 16—Public Square Rosary Rally SMM at noon
Fri., Oct. 29— Relics of Padre Pio

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From the Pastor's Pen

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug. 28-29



Saint of the week: St. Gregory the Great, Pope, (Sept. 3) was the son of Gordianus, a Roman *regionarius*, and Saint Silvia of Rome. He was the nephew of Saint Emiliania and Saint Tarsilla and the great-grandson of Pope Saint Felix III. Gregory was educated by the finest teachers in Rome. He was Prefect of Rome for a year, then he sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedictine monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome. Gregory became a Benedictine monk. Upon seeing English children being sold in the Roman Forum, he became a missionary to England.



He was elected the 64th Pope by unanimous acclamation on September 3, 590, the first monk to be chosen. He sent Saint Augustine of Canterbury and a company of monks to evangelize England, and other missionaries to France, Spain, and Africa. He collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are now known as *Gregorian Chants*. One of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. Gregory wrote seminal works on the Mass and Divine Office, several of them dictated to his secretary, Saint Peter the Deacon.

Obscure saint of the week: St. Remaclus of Maastricht, Bishop/Monk, (Sept. 3) was born to nobility. Remaclus grew up in and around the royal court of Aquitaine (in modern France). He studied under Saint Sulpicius of Bourges. He became a Benedictine monk in 625 and later ordained a priest. He was named the first abbot at Solignac Abbey near Limoges, France, appointed by Saint Eligius. Later he became the Abbot of the monastery at Cugnion, duchy of Luxembourg. Remaclus was an advisor to King Sigebert II of Austrasia. He convinced the king to found the double abbey of Stavelot, Belgium, and Malmedy, Ardennes, France, in 648; Remaclus served as its first abbot. He was named the Missionary bishop of Maastricht, Netherlands from 652 to 663, a diocese frequently out of touch with the Church and known to murder its bishops. He worked to spread monasticism in the region. He was friend and co-worker with Saint Hadelin and spiritual teacher of Saint Trond, Saint Babolen, Saint Theodard of Maastricht, and Saint Lambert of Maastricht. In his later years he retired to the abbey at Stavelot to spend his final days as a prayerful monk.



Adult Education

I will be starting an adult education class this fall on the Gospel of St. Luke. It will meet most likely on Monday nights but I may have to change the day of the week due to my schedule. Since I will have to order the book for the class I ask those interested in attending to call the office (426-2550) and register. The class will last almost the entire academic year.

The latest from the Diocese of Joliet on Covid guidelines (as of Aug. 26 printing date)

- ◆ If you do not feel well, please do not attend services, gatherings, or come to work.
- ◆ Masks are strongly recommended for indoor events regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ No congregational singing
- ◆ No potluck or family style food served
- ◆ Please continued to use hand sanitizer upon entering the church.



Why be a Knight?

Many Catholic men are looking to fulfill their desire to spend meaningful time with their family, to serve their community and their Church, and to grow in their faith. Joining the Knight of Columbus provides these men and their families with volunteer opportunities and activities that accomplish these goals. If you are such a man who is dedicated to making a difference, then membership in the Knights of Columbus is for you.

If you consider yourself and Christian and a Catholic, then you've known the answer all your life. It's love of your faith, family, Parish, and your community. The pride that you feel when you see your family accomplish good things and know that in large part this happens because of you. Your example, your drive and your commitment to ensuring that your family knows it can rely on you for support and protection. As a Catholic maybe you should be evaluating your commitment to your Parish and community.

Who's got time for that when your so busy with family, work, household chores?

At the current time Council 15032 has approximately 50 members. Out of that number there are around 14 to 16 active members. These 14 or so members are trying to do the work of three Parish's with such things as Coats for Kids, Blood Drive, Food Drive, Intellectual Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive), Labor Day Parish Float, and many others. When stretched so thin some of these events are adversely affected and some just simply cannot be done.

What's in it for me?

The feeling of doing good for others is the only reward you get. The pride of accomplishing something for others in need with no expectation of receiving anything but the admiration of your family and parish. As you set an example for you children who are learning from you that to give of your self for the love of your fellow man. What more can a man ask for. To see the pride in your families eyes is the greatest reward any man could want. You take time to teach your children how to play ball, or swim or do a hundred things because you want them to grow knowing the benefits of these actions. Being a Knight, you can teach your children other aspects of life that they will carry with them all their life. That is the love and commitment to your fellow man as taught by Jesus Christ. Being a Knight can transform your life.

How much time does it take?

The Knights have one general membership meeting per month. There are usually charitable events that are purely on a volunteer basis. You're not obligated to attend any event if you don't have availability.

How does being a brother knight help my parish and family?

If your family was in need, wouldn't you bend over backward to do what ever you could to better their condition. Well you Parish family and community is in need and look to you for support and help.

Any organization is only as good as the core of its members. With small numbers the charitable work that Knights want to do is severely affected.

NOTE: As a Knight you and your family have exclusive access to our top-quality insurance products. In fact, no insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus.

For more information contact Grand Knight Vic Carlile at 8159556477 or email viccarlile51@gmail.com



Dear Friends,

As children return to school and the long, hot days of summer start fading, I reflect on the busy month of August at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

In the first week of the month, Catholic Charities hosted three Back to School Fairs to provide backpacks and school supplies to students from low-income households. We witnessed a huge need in the community and were honored to provide the supplies and tools needed for children to return to school with confidence and dignity. Participants were surprised to also receive Northern Illinois Food Bank food boxes in addition to the school items.

On Saturday, August 21st, I joined Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief Team as the Agency provided services to households impacted by the severe flooding in Gibson City (Ford County), when the area received 9.5 - 11 inches of rain over a five hour period. Many residents incurred serious damage to their homes and vehicles. At this MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) event, the Agency provided aid to 108 individuals. Catholic Charities was able to offer rental assistance and basic needs. I wish everyone in Ford County the very best as they continue on the path to recovery.

I'm thrilled to announce that Catholic Charities' Early Childhood Services Division has partnered with Joliet Junior College to provide childcare services on campus beginning the week of September 6th. The beautiful space includes two classrooms, office space, a kitchen prep area, an outdoor playground, restrooms, and storage. Eligible JJC students will also have the opportunity for an apprenticeship with our Early Childhood Division.

August is Catholic Charities' Month and I am grateful for the gifts that we have received to help care for the poor and vulnerable. If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider donating: catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/general-donation/

This month, I am focusing many of my prayers on the health and safety of students who are beginning the new school year. God bless each of you.

With the Utmost Gratitude,

Kathleen Langdon
Interim Executive Director
Director of Development and Communications

We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

Crafting Connections—September

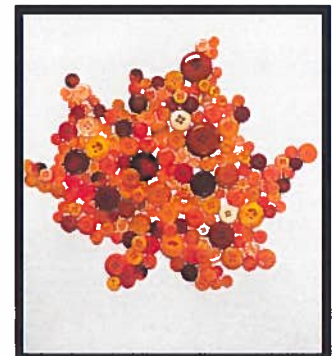
Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for a fall-themed Crafting Connection class for Kankakee County individuals ages 60+. This month, we will create an autumn button leaf using various sizes and colors of buttons. All supplies will be provided and the class is FREE!

Friday, September 10 from 2:00—4:00 pm

Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene (1000 N. Entrance Ave., Kankakee

Masks and social distancing are required for this event. Please call Kelli at 815-933-

7791 to register by Wednesday, September 8. Visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org to learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities in Kankakee County.



What do Catholics believe about scripture and tradition?

This question is a little like asking, "To whom must I listen: my mother or my father?" For those who view scripture and tradition to be separate—or even in opposition, the answer may be surprising. "Sacred tradition, sacred scripture, and the teaching authority of the church," says *Dei Verbum*, the Second Vatican Council's document on divine revelation, "are so linked and joined together that one cannot stand without the others."

Let me ask the question in another way: Which came first, scripture or tradition? Our impulse is to answer, "Scripture, of course!" But in reality, tradition did. Where did scripture come from, after all? Centuries of prophets, sages, and evangelists wrote down the community's experience of God as it unfolded through revelation, ritual, and history. Lots of things got recorded, many of which are not included in our Bible today.

Which brings us to the second level of tradition: Some group of people had to sift through piles of traditions to determine which would be included in the "canon" of scripture (authoritative texts) and which would not be binding on the community for the future. Jewish teachers made that determination for the documents known as the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament. A later group of Christian leaders made that decision for what would become the New Testament. As *Dei Verbum* puts it, "Through . . . tradition the church's full canon of the sacred books is known."

So in a nutshell, teachings became traditions and were later selected by leaders whose authority itself was determined by tradition. These leaders in turn shaped the scriptures we have today. In the most meaningful sense, then, scripture is the very heart of tradition.

To separate scripture from tradition as if they were alien concepts is to misunderstand the origin of scripture. If the Bible had dropped from the sky as is, cover to cover, you could talk about scripture as your sole authority. But without tradition, there would be no scripture, and the reading of scripture itself has contributed to ongoing development of tradition.

Scripture

Luke 4:16-21; John 1:1-5, 14; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:12



Undy S u n d a y

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

Most people take things like underwear for granted. At Catholic Charities, we have found that low-income families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes do not spend money on underwear and they desperately need it.

Last year, 50 parishes, schools and organizations participated in the program. The collection make a huge difference in the lives of our clients and we pray that we can provide these much-needed items again this year.

Our final collection date will be October 17, but you may begin to bring items and put them in the tub on the weekend of September 4-5.

Items needed include underwear, socks, diapers, tampons, pads, etc.

Sunday, Aug 29, 2021

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Purity is not an abstinence test

Many of us who grew up in a moralizing culture were taught to imagine purity as having mainly to do with chastity. In which case, our aim was higher than the almost-but-not-quite perfection you might get from Ivory Soap, which years ago advertised itself as 99 and 44/100 percent pure. We may therefore be astonished that, according to the apostle James, purity in religion has something to do with how we respond to the abandoned in this world. Think charity, not chastity, to bump up your purity percentile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). *"Religion that is pure . . . is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction."*

Monday, Aug 30, 2021

Remember your name

After being baptized with water, Catholics are anointed with oil and these words are said over them, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body . . ." That means we share in those offices of Christ. Those are big roles—how to live up to them? Priests worship and make offerings to God, prophets speak the truth and live the gospel, royalty leads and takes care of others. If you remind yourself regularly of the sacred titles you were given at Baptism, how might that help you fulfill your promise?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Tuesday, Aug 31, 2021

Hope works

Today, in Poland, it's the Day of Solidarity and Freedom—a modern Independence Day celebration after years of oppressive Soviet rule. In the 1980s, labor activist Lech Walesa helped stoke the flames of democratic social change. But it was Poland's favorite son, Pope John Paul II, who provided the spark. In his 1979 papal visit, John Paul II gave the people an electric hope that change was possible. "Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth. This Earth," he said. With Labor Day nearly here, remember how solidarity and workers' rights are cornerstones of Catholic Social Teaching.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"They were all amazed and said to one another, What is there about his word?"*

Wednesday, Sep 01, 2021

Living waters run deep

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation celebrated today "offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation," says Pope Francis, who elevated this day in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical on the care of creation, *Laudato Si'*. As we move past August, Water Quality Month, be particularly mindful of your stewardship over the precious resource of clean drinking water. May all of us "come to the water" together as we care for our common home.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent."*

Thursday, Sep 02, 2021

Get unstuck

In today's gospel Simon Peter is so overcome by his own sinfulness, he tells Jesus to go away from him. What exactly is "sinfulness"? Lots of actions and inactions fall into that category, but the essence of Catholic teaching on sin is that it separates us from God. Selfishness, violence, and other sins drive a wedge between us and God. Peter knew that instinctively. Remove that wedge by asking God for forgiveness, and ponder what you can do to free yourself to reconcile a relationship that has become estranged.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men.'"*

Friday, Sep 03, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Keep it all in balance

It's never easy to find the right balance between sitting quietly and attentively on the sidelines and joining in the scrum of life's adventures. Our life of prayer helps us to discern how best to hold these together and to respond with love for ourselves and the common good. Gregory was a Benedictine monk of the late sixth century and loved his life as a contemplative. Yet, when called upon to take the helm of a church suffering from the fall of Rome and the plague, he stepped up and found his calling expressed in new ways through prayer, caring for those in need, and leading compassionately. Find the right balance between action and contemplation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell."*

Saturday, Sep 04, 2021

The fruits of creation for all of creation

It's interesting to note that in the story of Jesus' hungry disciples eating the grain from a farmer's field, the objection raised by the Pharisees is not that they took the grain, but that they did so on the Sabbath. In fact, eating grain or produce from a neighbor's farm while passing through was permitted by Jewish law (Deuteronomy 23:25-26), provided one did not carry off any surplus. It was considered a common courtesy and obligation of charity to share the abundance of creation with one's neighbor. Perhaps we can embrace that same ethic in our own stewardship of the abundance God has entrusted to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"While Jesus was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them."*

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



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