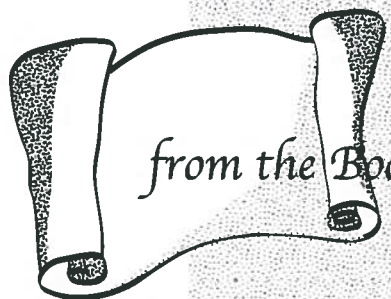


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27-28,



from the Book of Sirach

Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

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Weekend Masses:

St. Margaret Mary	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
Sacred Heart	Sun. 7:30 am	
St. James	Sun 9:00 am	

Confessions:

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

Collections Week of August 27-28, 2022

St. Margaret Mary—\$ 1,855

St. James—\$1,418

Sacred Heart—\$1,214

Thank you for your generosity!



The next Knights of Columbus next Food for Families collection is September 3-4 at all three parishes. This is a great way to give to help those in need.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food...”Matthew 25:35



Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, Sept. 3 at St. James 8:30—3:00

“There is no other food for the soul than the Eucharist”.

-Blessed Jean Baptiste Fouque (1851-1926)

Venerable Norbert McAuliffe on the Blessed

Sacrament:

When Brother Norbert was asked by someone on what a person should do during a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, he replied, “*Just sit there and let God’s love come to you from the tabernacle.*”

~Venerable Norbert McAuliffe on the Blessed Sacrament

Religious Education Registration



St. Margaret Mary—Planning is underway for the 22-23 Religious Education year! Please register your child(ren) for the upcoming religious ed year via the link: [2022-2023 St. Margaret Mary Religious Education Registration](#)

Please complete the registration by September 1 and spread the word to get others registered!

At this time, we are in need of 1 catechist/teacher! Please let me know if you are interested! I am sure our 21-22 catechist crew can tell you how simple, yet incredibly awesome it is to be on the St. MM RE Crew!

If you have any questions, please let me know. There is also a place on the form to give feedback from the 21-22 RE year. If there are specific components, events, or activities you would

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- Tuesday Sept 20, CCW 7pm

St. James—

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Sacred Heart—

- The Blessed Virgin Mary candle burns in prayer for Katelynn Meli and Gino Re
- We are looking for someone interested in teaching religious ed for kindergarten or 6th grade at Sacred Heart. Please contact Rhonda Berns at 815-545-9519.
- CCW will be starting “Boxes of Joy” Tuesday Sept. 6th At 7pm in the church hall.
- **All Parishes** —
- **Adult Ed:** we will be resuming our Adult Education class September 12th at 7pm. The book we will be studying is The Acts of the Apostles written by St. Luke.
- Eucharist Adoration will follow 8am mass with Benediction at 3pm at Sacred Heart

A Stewardship Moment

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered “holy” and “unholy,” rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn’t invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn’t reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate. Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord’s intimate friendship. This week let’s reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us?

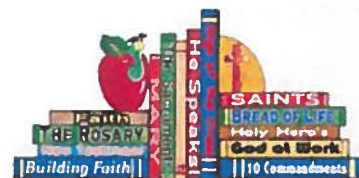
ST JAMES CLASSES
BEGIN

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER
11TH

AFTER 9AM MASS

ALL Children must be
registered

REGISTRATION: August 28th after Mass



Religious Education

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Message from Father Allam Mission

Safe Harbor, Father Allam Mission

School time at Safe Harbor in India is here. Father Allam is in need of donations to help purchase uniforms and school supplies. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please make check out to Safe Harbor and drop in collection basket. He greatly appreciates all our help. Thank you for your continued financial help and prayers.

Gospel Shorts

Forgetting About Where You Sit

Dave Thomas, founder of the Wendy's Restaurant chain, wrote in his book, *Well Done: The Common Guy's Guide to Everyday Success*: "I got my MBA long before my G.E.D." Dave, of course, never graduated from high school. He continued, "I even have a photograph of me in my MBA graduation outfit — a snazzy knee-length work apron. I guarantee you that I'm the only founder among America's big companies whose picture in the corporate annual report shows him wielding a mop and a plastic bucket. That wasn't a gag," he continues. "It was a case of leading by example. At Wendy's, MBA does not mean Master of Business Administration. It means Mop Bucket Attitude. It's how we define satisfying the customer through cleanliness, quality food, friendly service, and atmosphere."

Do you have your MBA yet? Jesus taught it. General Washington demonstrated it. Sammy Morris chose it. Dave Thomas lived it. There is nothing wrong with working hard to move up. Just let God do the promoting. Don't do it yourself. Let your works speak well of you, not your mouth. Start humbly. God will move you up. The best seat in the house is the learning seat.



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I GOT
MY FLU
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Drive-Thru FLU SHOT CLINICS

For Kankakee County residents ages 60+

Pneumonia and shingles vaccines are also available by request when you pre-register.

- **9/16/22, 2:00-4:00PM - Ralph J. Bailey Community Center**
 - 7219 E. Chicago St., Sun River Terrace, IL
- **9/23/22, 10:00-11:30AM - Pembroke Senior Center**
 - 4019 S. Wheeler Rd., Pembroke, IL
- **9/26/22, 2:00-4:00PM - Oak Ridge Clubhouse**
 - 1000 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL
- **9/30/22, 2:00-4:00PM - Grow Center/Central Christian Church**
 - 310 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais, IL
- **10/5/22, 2:00-4:00PM - Kankakee Area YMCA**
 - 1075 Kennedy Dr., Kankakee, IL

Flu shots are free with Medicare Part B. Vaccines will be administered by a Jewel-Osco pharmacist. Please remain in your vehicle. When you arrive, please look for the purple signs. Be sure to bring your insurance card.

Pre-registration is mandatory.

Please call Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext: 9910 to register.

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Is a college degree needed for religious life?

Can I enter a religious order without a college degree?

In most cases, yes, you can enter a religious order without a college degree. Many communities, however, will strongly encourage you to get a degree either before entering the community or while you are in formation. There are a couple of significant reasons why religious communities often prefer persons entering to have a college degree. First, education and college life are significant experiences that expand the doorways of one's mind and one's life experience. We discover new ideas and ways of relating with other people, God, and the world around us. We also learn a lot about ourselves. All of that is key to being in a good space to make a life commitment in a religious community. Second, a college education is essential to discovering and becoming skilled in our talents and gifts. As a religious you will use this training well in whatever you do in your ministry and community life. Your education can help you in a particular ministry (e.g., social work, medicine, education, pastoral care) and it can help you with community responsibilities (e.g., administration, facilitation, interpersonal relationships, and so on). Religious communities also recognize that a college education is not always possible due to personal finances or life circumstances. There is often room to work things out, especially if a person entering has had other life experience such as a full-time job. Get to know the religious community you hope to join and talk with their vocation director to see what the possibilities are.



August 28, 2022

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
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DISCIPLE

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a |
Lk 14:1, 7-14

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Pope St. John XXIII, one of the most influential figures of the 20th century, had a wonderful sense of humor. In stories recalled by Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, Good Pope John would say, "God knew from all eternity I was going to be pope. Couldn't God have made me more handsome?" He also had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. In his writings, he talks about the humble and overlooked role that Joseph played in the life of Christ. He promoted an increased devotion to the humble, loyal saint who stayed quietly in the background and provided a home for Christ and his mother. St. Joseph is a model for the humility that our readings speak of today. Being humble doesn't mean being embarrassed or ashamed of the talents and abilities we have. It means acknowledging that these are gifts from God. God does not give us these gifts so we can place ourselves above others, as Jesus observed people doing at the home of the Pharisee. They are to be used to glorify God. By being humble, we "will be loved more than a giver of gifts ... and find favor with God."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I always remember what I was told in a volunteer training when preparing to serve hospice patients and their families: sit at eye level or lower when meeting with the patient or their family members. Being "at the same level" not only "lifted up" the patient but also brought the volunteer "down" to their level. This not only made listening easier and showed respect for the dignity of the patient; it also helped the volunteer see things from the patient's perspective. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today that being his disciples is not about elevating ourselves, but about lowering ourselves. He calls us to invite, welcome, and accept those who are least able to repay us. When we forget about ourselves and our place in the world and instead lift up others, he tells us we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

ACT One of the greatest acts of humility is to acknowledge when we are wrong, apologize, and ask forgiveness. Is there someone you can reconcile with by admitting you were wrong? Allowing God to forgive you in the sacrament of reconciliation will help you grow in humility.