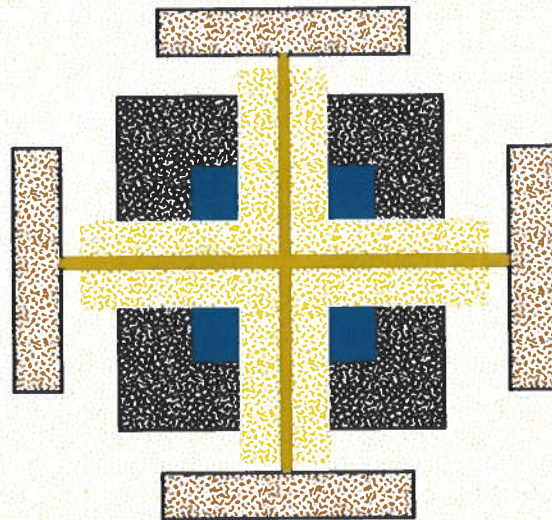


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
Sacred Heart, Goodrich
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 13-14, 2026



We live by Faith in
the Son of God
who has loved us
and given himself up
for us.

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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—4:45pm
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Quotable- "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."
 —Saint Francis de Sales

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time				June 20-21, 2026
Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, June 20 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, June 21 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, June 21 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, June 21 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Galen Fritz Roger Jensen Dave Emling Bob Schultz	Kyle Ferris David Kirkpatrick	Jeff Martin Jeff Steinke Dallas Ferris Dave Ladehoff	Erik Wheeler Corinn Wheeler Dustin Truetner Sean Riordan
Lector	Rob Landeck	Terri Weakley	Carrie Abrassart	Julie Splear
Eucharistic Minister				
Servers				Sydney Weldon
Greeters			Greeter—Dallas Ferris R. Leader—Rita Thiesen	Stacie Powers

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 15 (SMM)

8:00 am +Bob Eich (Jackie Eberle)

Tuesday, June 16 (SH)

8:00 am +Leland Denault (Mark Weinhold)

Wednesday, June 17 (SJ)

8:00 am +Vaughn Peerbolte (Larry/Birdie Stevenson)

Friday, June 19 (SMM)

8:00am +Joe King (MaryAnn Wagner)

Saturday, June 20 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, June 21

7:30 am (SH) +Dorine Schafer (Don/Marie Feller)

+Marion LaGesse (Jerry/Terri Weakley)

9:00 am (SJ) +Pat & Ambrose Perreault (Bill/Betty Kelch)

+Bernadette Cimbalnik (Dan/Chris Forsythe)

10:30 am (SMM) For All Fathers

Looking Ahead

Sunday, June 21—Fathers' Day

Weekend of June 21—2nd Collection Religious Pensions

Friday, July 3—First Friday Mass and Adoration at SH

Weekend of July 4-5—K of C Food Drive

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Question of the week—

- Whom do I know, or know of, who is troubled or abandoned? What can I do to bring them serenity, make them feel valued, and restore hope to their lives?

Collections Weekend of June 6-7, 2026

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,252

St. James—\$1,940

Sacred Heart— \$ 1,691

Thank you for your generosity!

Gospel Shorts

Compassion is the Combine that Brings the Crop In

Regarding harvest, what once required dozens of workers over many days now takes a single operator in a machine the size of a house. The methods have changed. But the truth has not. The harvest is always urgent. The same is true for the harvest Jesus spoke of.

Reflection— I'm Fine...How are You?

There's nothing whatever the matter with me. I'm just as healthy as I can be. I have arthritis in both my knees and when I talk I talk with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak and my blood is thin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in. I think my liver is out of whack and a terrible pain is in my back.

My hearing is poor, my sight is dim, most everything seems to be out of trim, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in. I have arch supports for both my feet, or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.

Sleeplessness I have night after night, and in the morning I'm just a sight. My memory is failing, my head's in a spin, I'm peacefully living on aspirin. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold, that for you and me who are growing old, it's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin than to let them know the shape we're in.

Communion to the sick:

If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion please call the office and we will arrange for someone to bring them the Eucharist. If you would like to be a Minister of the Eucharist to the sick, please let the office know and we will add you to the list of volunteers visiting shut-ins.

Parish News:

All Parishes—

⇒ Tri-Parish Office Hours— Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am—12 pm.

St. Margaret Mary-

St. James

⇒ The Rosary Committee is looking for a volunteer to chair the committee. Directions for purchasing supplies and making the rosaries is available. The funds are provided by the St. James CCW. If you're interested in either leading the committee or in helping make the rosaries please contact Bea Papineau

Sacred Heart—

⇒ Sacred Heart Church will be honoring father's for Father's Day by placing carnations on the altars. The red represent love, courage, respect, & admiration are honoring our living fathers. The white represent reverence & sympathy for bereavement and are honoring our deceased fathers. There is a basket on the table near the entrance with envelopes for the money \$1.25 each and a list of names from 2025 to check if you wish to do the same as last year. Mark the envelope "same" or list the ones you want.

⇒ Sacred Heart CCW will be having the following Summer meeting: Tues. July 14th, 6:30pm & Tues. Aug. 11th at 6:30pm. Noone is hosting - everyone is asked to bring a sack to share for all 3 meetings. All women in the parish over 18 are considered members and are welcome! Come join the fun!

A Stewardship Moment

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of June 13/14, 2026

In this weekend's Gospel reading from Saint Matthew, we hear of Jesus calling his disciples to enter into a partnership with him to advance his mission of healing, reconciling and proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Good stewards understand that this mission must begin with gratitude and trust and a willingness to share the wonderful hospitality of God to all human beings. A good reflection for this week: How do we understand our call to enter into a closer partnership with Jesus and to bring the Good News to neighbors and strangers alike?

Reflection— The Needs of a Child

A child needs strength to lean on, a shoulder to cry on, and an example to learn from.

For *God* is not unjust
so as to overlook your work
and the *grace* you have
demonstrated for His name
by having served and continuing
to *serve* the holy ones.

- Hebrews 6:10



Father's Day Collection

For Infirm and Retired Priests

Diocese of Joliet • June 20-21, 2026



Saint of the week: St. Bernard of Menthon (June 15) was born to the French nobility. Bernard was ordained a priest. He became the archdeacon of Aosta in 996. Bernard evangelized the people of the Alps for over 40 years. Later Bernard was appointed the Vicar-general of Alpine diocese. He started a patrol that cleared robbers from the mountains, and he established hospices for travelers and pilgrims to Rome. He established a community of Augustinian Hospitallers to staff them, and they continue their good work today. The large dogs, trained to search for lost victims in the mountains, are named after him.



Other obscure saint of the week: St. Luigi Maria Palazzolo (June 15) was the youngest of eight boys born to Octavius and Theresa Antoine Palazzolo. His father died when Luigi was about 10 years old. He was ordained a priest in the diocese of Bergamo, Italy on June 23, 1850. As a parish priest, he would occasionally encounter children who were abandoned or orphaned and living on their own; he would take them in and care for them until he could get them placed somewhere caring and safe. He founded the *Little House of Divine Providence* to care for neglected children and the *Work of Saint Dorothy* home to care for abandoned girls. Luigi also founded the *Brothers of the Sacred Family*, a congregation that died out in 1928. With Venerable Maria Teresa Gabrieli, he founded the *Sisters of the Poor (Poverelle Sisters; Palazzolo Institute)* on May 22, 1869 to care for and educate neglected girls. The *Sisters* received papal approval from Pope Pius X on May 25, 1912, and continue their good work today in Brazil, Burkina Faso, Congo, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malawi, Peru and Switzerland. He founded an orphanage in Traona, Italy on October 4, 1872. Due to respiratory problems, Father Luigi had to sleep sitting up during the last year or so of his life.

Twenty Simple Stewardship Ideas for the Month of June

- Join or start a summer bible study group.
- Plan an outing with your family.
- Introduce yourself to a fellow parishioner with whom you are unfamiliar.
- Help a neighbor who is physically unable clean their yard.
- Invite someone to attend a weekend liturgy with you.
- Make a blood donation.
- Show genuine hospitality to visitors at your church.
- Don't text when you drive.
- Reduce your stress by getting outside and getting some exercise.
- Drive courteously.
- Make contact with a relative you haven't seen in a long time.
- Take time to pray each day.
- Treat your family or loved one to a day at the museum.
- Volunteer to participate in a community cleanup effort.
- Make a gift to your diocesan annual appeal.
- Plant flowers, shrubs or trees in a park or other location.
- Collect stuffed animals from friends and neighbors, write messages to tie or clip onto the animals and give them to a local police department to use in comforting children.
- Take a hike in the woods or visit a botanical garden to remind you of God's beauty in nature.
- Donate gently used clothing.



From pre-med to priesthood – one man's answer to God's call.

Joshua felt empty despite every worldly success. Through a community that prayed, encouraged, and walked with him, he discovered his calling. Now he's preparing for ordination in 2027. Your support through the CMAA helps form the future priests of our diocese.

"I finally knew what I was being called to do."
– Joshua



Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community

What is the most famous image of the Sacred Heart?

The Sacred Heart devotion developed from the understanding that Christ's heart is the source and symbol of His love for humanity.

Most Catholics know the Sacred Heart through St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

They know the familiar image: Christ pointing to His heart, surrounded by thorns and burning with love.

But what many Catholics do not realize is that the devotion to the Sacred Heart did not begin with St. Margaret Mary. Its roots stretch back centuries earlier, all the way to the Apostle John reclining on the breast of Christ at the Last Supper.

At the Last Supper, John was given a unique privilege. While the other apostles sat at table with Christ, John reclined close to Him, resting against His chest. Christian writers and saints would later reflect on the significance of that moment. John was physically close enough to hear the heartbeat of Jesus.

For centuries, Christians have contemplated what that means.

The Sacred Heart devotion developed from the understanding that Christ's heart is the source and symbol of His love for humanity. It represents not only His love, but also His suffering. The heart that loved so completely was also rejected, betrayed, mocked, and pierced.

That dual reality appears throughout the history of the devotion.

In the Middle Ages, saints and mystics reflected deeply on Christ's wounded side and pierced heart. Among them was St. Gertrude the Great, who experienced a vision in which she was permitted to rest near the heart of Jesus. Wondering why St. John had never written about hearing the heartbeat of Christ at the Last Supper, she asked him in prayer.

According to the account, St. John replied that the mystery had been reserved for a later age, a time when the world would grow cold in its love for God and need to be warmed again by hearing of His Sacred Heart.

Whether one focuses on the mystical account or not, the observation remains relevant.

Every age struggles with indifference. Every age needs reminders of God's love.

That need became especially clear in the seventeenth century when Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. He showed her His heart aflame with love and expressed His desire that devotion to the Sacred Heart spread throughout the Church. He lamented not a lack of power or glory, but a lack of love returned for love.

The Sacred Heart devotion is ultimately about responding to that love.

It invites us to remember that Christianity is not merely a set of rules or ideas. At its center is a Person whose heart burns with love for His people.

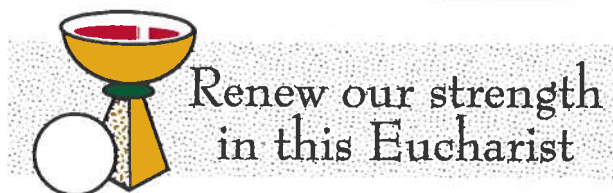
That message resonated so deeply that in 1899 Pope Leo XIII consecrated the entire human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, calling it "the great act" of his pontificate.

More than a century later, Catholics continue to enthrone images of the Sacred Heart in their homes, celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart, and turn to Christ's heart in prayer.

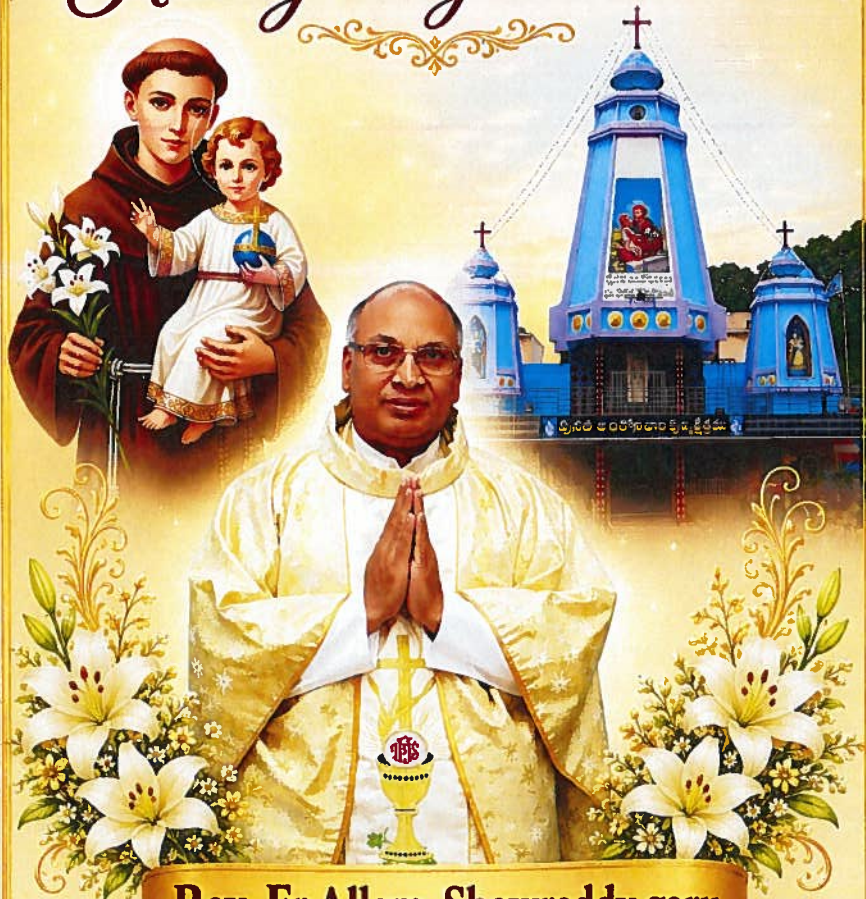
It reminds us of a truth that never grows old: God loves us personally, completely, and sacrificially.

And a beautiful reminder of that truth can be found in the traditional image of the Sacred Heart alongside the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph.

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Hearty congratulations



Rev. Fr Allam. Showreddy garu

For being appointed as

Vicar General

of the

Guntur diocese.

*May God bless you with wisdom, strength and grace
as you serve His people with love and dedication.*



**Cure the sick, raise the dead,
cleanse lepers
MT. 10:8**

Questions Catholics Ask

Why should I go to church?

It's interesting that Richard Gaillardetz asks the same question—and he's a professional ecclesialogist, whose business it is to explain the church. Yet he admits convincing his own children of the necessity of going to church is another matter entirely. Why does church attendance need persuasion?

Gaillardetz identifies four troublesome modern obstacles. The first is widespread institutional distrust. We just haven't seen all that many churches, banks, governments, or schools with a sterling track record lately. Add to that the more recent conflation of religion with partisan politics. Now, it seems, your church comes with obligatory party affiliation attached! That is understandably distasteful to many. A third problem with church affiliation is the social decline of absolutes. We once hung our hats on doctrine with confidence. But today a black-and-white approach to any issue seems simplistic, self-righteous, and begging to be debunked. Frankly, we don't want some exterior machinery regulating what we're allowed to believe about our reality. Finally, there's the "fragilization" of religious identity. This lovely term expresses how religion, once the defining principle of a person's life, has recently been downgraded to a lifestyle choice: a thing you have, rather than a thing you are. So, Catholic paraphernalia may be in your ethical toolkit. But you don't see yourself as "a Catholic" anymore.

All of which explains why more people are skipping church. It doesn't argue why they might not want to. Gaillardetz suggests that church might benefit from a reintroduction: not as mind-controlling Hall of Obedience, but a re-imagined School of Discipleship. Such a school exists to form us in the way of Jesus, not to keep us on the straight-and-narrow (much less save us from eternal fires). Old-school church asks different questions of us: "What do you think or believe about God, morality, your place in the scheme of things?" The School of Discipleship model asks, rather: "Whom do you love?"

This approach is in keeping with the teaching of Pope Francis, who sees servile obedience as the wrong spirit in which to develop a mature faith. The church exists to console, clarify, and challenge us. It shouldn't simply deliver to the adherent a longer set of reliable truths than the person down the street enjoys. In the School of Discipleship, we would decree or forbid less and trust ourselves as "liturgical animals" more. Rituals work on us as we worship, teaching and shaping us as we say grace, give alms, fast, stand in praise, kneel in humility, or share a meal. This is what church does best.

Scripture: Exodus 20:8-11; Isaiah 2:2-5; Joel 2:12-17; Matthew 18:20; John 17:20-26; Acts 2:1-4, 42-47



June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36—10:8

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

Our first reading from Exodus contains a promise: “If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people.” God promises to make Israel “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation,” if they keep the covenant. Reading the rest of the Old Testament, we know how this turns out: humanity never fully keeps our part of the covenant. And yet God is faithful, despite our unfaithfulness. In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples not to pagan territory or any Samaritan towns, but to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” revealing that God never abandons his chosen ones. Indeed, this is the same point Paul makes when he says, “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Our discipleship begins from a deep awareness of the relentless love with which God pursues us. Even when we stray from our baptismal covenant with him, he comes looking to save us and bring us back to himself.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel ends with a powerful reminder to all evangelizers: “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” Knowing the limitless mercy of God – how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ’s suffering and death, we are to imitate his generosity in bearing witness to the Gospel. Knowing the love which has saved us, our hearts are moved – as Jesus’ was at the sight of the crowd – to see that others come to know his love. Therefore, the generosity with which Jesus calls us to pour ourselves out for the sake of the Gospel is not an imposition from outside us, but a response to the love we have received that compels us from within to make him and his kingdom known.

PRAY

St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote a prayer now known as the Prayer for Generosity. Pray this prayer each day this week, asking the Lord to increase your generosity as you labor in his “harvest,” sharing the Good News of his kingdom. *Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.*

SPIRITUALITY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matt 9:36–10:8; L91A

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart
was moved with pity for them
because they were troubled and
abandoned,
like sheep without a shepherd.
Then he said to his disciples,
"The harvest is abundant but the
laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples
and gave them authority over unclean
spirits
to drive them out and to cure every
disease and every illness.

The names of the twelve apostles are
these:

first, Simon called Peter, and his
brother Andrew;
James, the son of Zebedee, and his
brother John;
Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and
Matthew the tax collector;
James, the son of Alphaeus, and
Thaddeus;
Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot
who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after
instructing them thus,
"Do not go into pagan territory or enter
a Samaritan town.

Go rather to the lost sheep of the house
of Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: 'The
kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse
lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without
cost you are to give."

Reflecting on the Gospel

At a funeral, one of the adult daughters of the woman who had died got up to give the eulogy. She began by saying, "I always knew that mom loved me best." The daughter went on to sketch out all the ways she knew she was her mom's favorite. Then she turned to her older sister and asserted, "I always knew she was mom's favorite," and then proceeded to tell all the reasons why. And so it went until she had recounted all the ways she knew her mom loved each of them the best.



In the first reading this Sunday, Israel wants to think of itself as God's special possession, dearer to God than all other people (Exod 19:5). They believe this is true because of how God bore them up "on eagle wings" when they were fleeing the Egyptians. This reading was likely part of a covenant renewal ceremony, in which God's past saving deeds are recalled, as Israel recommits itself to the One who chose them and always remains faithful to them. Yet even as God speaks of the special relationship with the Israelites, there is a hint that God also loves others best at the same time, "though all the earth is mine."

Similarly, in today's gospel, when Jesus summons the Twelve and sends them out to proclaim the nearness of God's reign and to heal and seek out the lost, these apostles may have thought that they were most specially chosen and loved. Indeed, they were. But they were also told to pray for the master of the harvest to send out more laborers. In other words, there are others who are just as loved and favored who

are also called to share in the mission. When we think of the symbolism of the number twelve, we can see that twelve represents the whole people. Just as the whole of Israel consisted of twelve tribes, so the whole renewed people of God is symbolized in the Twelve chosen by Jesus. Just as all the Israelites were to be "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exod 19:6), so all of Jesus's disciples, symbolized by the Twelve, are called to make God present in the world, mediating the divine presence and holiness (a priestly function), and being agents of healing and reconciliation.

In Matthew's version of the sending of the Twelve, he instructs them not to go into pagan territory and not to enter a Samaritan town, but to go only "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Later in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reiterates to a Canaanite woman who wants her daughter healed that his mission is only to his own people (15:24). It is not until the end of the gospel that the Matthean Jesus sends his followers out to "make disciples of all nations" (28:19). What began as a movement directed to one people who were specially chosen and loved by God soon expanded to become inclusive of all people, with the recognition that God's love is limitless and God loves each one best.