

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 18-19, 2024



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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

Church Mailing Address:

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Herscher, IL 60941

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Quotes: "On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles; thus began the mission of the Church in the world."

—Pope Benedict XVI

The Most Holy Trinity					May 25-26, 2024
Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, May 25 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, May 26 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, May 26 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, May 26 10:30 am	
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	
Ushers	Todd Datweiller Dave Emling Bob Schultz Dan Hoffman	Jim Mallaney David Kirkpatrick	Dave Ladehoff Dan Forsythe Jeff Martin Bob Buente	Erik Wheeler Corinn Wheeler Darren Lovell Garrett Smolkovich	
Lector	Rob Landeck	Cindy Gagnon	Carrie Abrassart	Julie Splear	
Servers				Sydney Weldon	
Greeters			Greeter—Jerry Ogrentz R. Leader—The	Stacey Powers	

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 20 (SMM)

8:00 am +Geneva Koerner (Jackie Eberle)

Tuesday, May 21 (SH)

8:00 am +Inez Crawford (Tom/Bev Buckley)

Wednesday, May 22 (SJ)

8:00 am +Paul Muhlstadt (Bill Warburton)

Friday, May 24 (SMM)

8:00 am +Bob Deany (Bill/Betty Kelch))

Saturday, May 25 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, May 26

7:30 am (SH) + George Grosso (Terri/Jerry Weakley)

+ Inez Crawford (Rosie/Jim Mallaney)

9:00am (SJ) +Alex Denault (Son/Gail Duval)

+George Grosso (Theresa Grosso & children)

10:30am (SMM) +Monica Behrends (Chad/Julie Schoolman)

Question of the week: How do I carry out the Christian mission in what I say and do? How can each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord—aid in my mission?

A Look Ahead

May 18-19—Second Collection for Fr. Allam's Ministry

Sunday, May 19—Donut Sunday at St. James

Monday, May 20—K of C meeting 7 pm at St. James

Sunday, May 26—Sacred Heart Breakfast after Mass

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Collections Week of May 11-12, 2024

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,959

St. Jame—\$2,032

Sacred Heart—\$1,606

Thank you for your generosity!

Reflections—A Pentecost Sequence

Come, Spirit who is our light.

Shine among the shadows within.

Warm and transform our hearts.

Come, Spirit who makes a home in us.

Draw us to the treasures of your dwelling.

Reveal to us the inner journey of love.

Come, Spirit, Comforter and Consoler.

Heal the wounded. Sooth the anxious.

Be consolation for all who grieve and ache.

Come, Spirit who energizes our being.

Keep us from the tangles of toil and travail.

Lead us to moments of prayer and play.

Come, Spirit, consuming Fire of Love.

Fill us with enthusiasm for your vision.

May the desire for truth be vibrant in us.

Come, Spirit, joy of our souls.

Dance amid life's hills and valleys,

Encircle us with the delights of your dance.

Come, Spirit of wisdom and insight.

Draw us toward your goodness and light.

Direct our growth and guide our ways.

Come, Spirit, strength of wounded ones.

Be warmth in hearts of those grown cold.

Empower the powerless. Rekindle the weary.

Come, Spirit, source of our Peace.

Deepen in us the action

Heal the divisions that ravage the Earth.

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- ◆ Spring Institute is Wednesday, June 5th at St. James. If you'd like to attend please sign up by 5/12/24. The cost is \$20 with the participant paying \$10 and the CCW covering the other half. Any questions—please see the flyer on the board.

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ The week of May 19th, the St. Joseph candle burns in thanksgiving for answered prayers.
- ◆ Sunday, May 26 following Mass, S. H. CCW is having a free breakfast, open to everyone. The menu will include biscuits & gravy, eggs, ham, cheesy potatoes, donuts, fruit and more. There will be door prizes. It will be a great time for fellowship

St. James—

- ◆ Starting July 7, 2024, grave sites at St. James Cemetery will be \$800.
- ◆ All are invited to Donut Sunday on Sunday, May 19th after church in the St. James Hall. If you'd like to bring a pastry to share please sign up on the bulletin board.
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All Parishes—

- ◆ Please prayerfully consider serving in one of our ministry opportunities. There will be a form in the next week or so to sign up. We are looking for ushers, lectors, greeters, rosary leaders, and altar servers .
- ◆ The phone number for the rectory will no longer be in service. All calls should be made to the parish office number 815-426-2550.

Gospel Shorts— "What a Wind It Is!"

The story of the First Pentecost, if it is to have meaning, must be seen as the first chapter in a story that continues into our own lives. Whether that happens or not is, at least in part, contingent on whether or not we can listen for the voice of God in the wind or wherever else God chooses to speak. It depends on whether we allow ourselves to be touched with fire, accepting the change that will bring in each of us. It also depends on whether or not we are willing to speak the message in a language that everyone can understand.



Due to our regular Knights meeting falling on Memorial Day, the May Knights meeting will be held on May 20 at 7:00 PM at St. James

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

+Vaughn Peerbolte



Brother of Darwin (Mary) Peerbolte

May he and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Saint of the week: St. Rita of Cascia (May 22) was the daughter of Antonio and Amata Lotti, a couple known as the *Peacemakers of Jesus*. They had Rita late in life. From her early youth, Rita visited the Augustinian nuns at Cascia, Italy, and showed interest in a religious life. However, when she was twelve, her parents betrothed her to Paolo Mancini, an ill-tempered, abusive individual who worked as town watchman and who was dragged into the political disputes of the Guelphs and Ghibellines. Disappointed but obedient, Rita married him when she was 18 and was the mother of twin sons. She put up with Paolo's abuses for eighteen years before he was ambushed and stabbed to death. Her sons swore vengeance on the killers of their father, but through the prayers and interventions of Rita, they forgave the offenders.



Upon the deaths of her sons, Rita again felt the call to religious life. However, some of the sisters at the Augustinian monastery were relatives of her husband's murderers, and she was denied entry for fear of causing dissension. Asking for the intervention of Saint John the Baptist, Saint Augustine of Hippo, and Saint Nicholas of Tolentino, she managed to bring the warring factions together, not completely, but sufficiently that there was peace, and she was admitted to the monastery of Saint Mary Magdalen at age 36.

Rita lived 40 years in the convent, spending her time in prayer and charity and working for peace in the region. She was devoted to the Passion, and in response to a prayer to suffer as Christ, she received a chronic head wound that appeared to have been caused by a crown of thorns, and which bled for 15 years.

She was confined to her bed the last four years of her life, eating little more than the Eucharist. She spent her time teaching and directing the younger sisters. Near the end, she had a visitor from her hometown who asked if she'd like anything; Rita's only request was a rose from her family's estate. The visitor went to the home, but it being January, knew there was no hope of finding a flower; there, sprouted on an otherwise bare bush, was a single rose blossom.

Among the other areas, Rita is well-known as a patron of desperate, seemingly impossible causes and situations. This is because she has been involved in so many stages of life – wife, mother, widow, and nun, she buried her family, helped bring peace to her city, saw her dreams denied and fulfilled – and never lost her faith in God, or her desire to be with him.

Obscure saint of the week: St. Fulgencio of Otricoli (May 22) was a mid-sixth century bishop of Otricoli, Italy. Pope Saint Gregory the Great wrote about him in *Dialogues*.

When his city was being approached by the Ostrogoth army of King Totila, Fulgencio went out to meet him, first to plead for his city, then to bribe him into passing by. The Ostrogoths seized him and while Totila considered his next move, they drew a circle in the dirt, put the bishop in it and told the guards to kill him if he left it. Fulgencio began to suffer from being left in the sun and prayed for relief; the sky clouded up and it rained heavily – except in the circle where Fulgencio was imprisoned



The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?" (from John 20).

Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

Which female saints has the Church declared “doctors?”

Throughout history, God has raised up extraordinary teachers, doctors, to guide and enlighten His Church. Did you know that four of these Doctors of the Church are women?

The word *doctor* comes from the Latin *docere*, “to teach.” In common parlance, “doctor” denotes the holder of a Ph.D., the highest level of education in a subject.

Similarly, a Doctor of the Church is someone whom God has chosen to be a learned teacher of His people—someone who has played a major role in the development of Catholic theology.

Four of the Doctors of the Church were women: St. Teresa of Ávila, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and St. Hildegard von Bingen. Their inclusion in the ranks of the Doctors and the value the Church places on their teachings reveal the esteem in which the Church has always held her female saints and thinkers.



St. Teresa of Ávila. The contributions of this 16th-century Spanish Carmelite are centered around her teachings on mental prayer. Her enduring works on the subject—*The Interior Castle*, *The Way of Perfection*, *The Book of Her Foundations*, and her autobiography, to name the most famous titles—are invaluable contributions to the Church’s teachings on prayer.

St. Catherine of Siena. This 14th-century Dominican was not particularly well-educated or prolific in terms of her spiritual writing. Nonetheless, her unity with Christ—illustrated by her innumerable visions and discourses with Him—places her among the masters of mystical theology. *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*, her main work, is written as a conversation between God and the soul and is a transcription of her own ecstatic experiences.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The humble little Thérèse decided that she couldn’t aspire to the celestial heights of sanctity that her namesake, St. Teresa of Ávila, ascended. So she created a “Little Way” of spiritual childhood, a universally beloved method of holiness that has made her one of the most popular saints of modern times. Her famous autobiography is *The Story of a Soul*.

St. Hildegard von Bingen. St. Hildegard, a 12th-century Benedictine, was an astonishingly talented woman with skills that included natural medicine and musical composition. Her preeminent works are those based on her extraordinary mystical visions, astounding in their vividness and the vast scope of their celestial subject matter. Topics covered include salvation history and the relationship between God and man. Her wisdom provides the perfect devotional.

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Questions Catholics Ask
What does it mean to repent?

We're not served well in our appreciation of the word *repent* by the many films featuring some be-frocked priest or Puritan shaking a cross in people's faces and demanding, "Sinner, repent!" Repentance doesn't necessarily require falling on our knees and beating our breasts, though sometimes that may be the appropriate response—as it was for skeptical Thomas, when the resurrected Lord whom he'd doubted stood before him. Basically, to repent means to change course. That can mean movement if we've been standing still, or stopping if we've been in frantic motion. It can mean changing our minds or our hearts, our direction or our behavior.

The word has several important root meanings. The earliest is the Hebrew word *t'shuvah*, meaning "return." It's a crucial concept to prophets like Amos, Hosea, and Jeremiah. Their fellow citizens have wandered far from God's ways, and it's time for them to return home. The rabbis tell a story of a young man who falls in with a bad crowd and winds up far from home, destitute and ashamed. His father sends word for the son to return. "I cannot," the young man replies, "It is too far." Too far in distance, surely, but also in moral stature. His father responds: "Come as far as you can, and I will come the rest of the way." This story reminds us how our failures put us at a distance from those whom we love, from the community of faith to which we belong. Yet love is willing to share the journey toward reunion and reconciliation. We return to God, and God returns to us.

If *t'shuvah* is the Old Testament word for repentance, *metanoia* is the New Testament Greek term that carries a similar meaning. John the Baptist first issues the call to change direction, signaled by baptism in the Jordan. Jesus uses this term when he invites his listeners to change their dispositions—to turn their hearts and lives around—in response to his teaching. Our word repentance carries the additional meaning of expressing regret for past actions and attitudes—along with the expectation that real change is forthcoming. In addition, the word conversion means turning around, implying a reorientation of intentions and actions. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we include the stipulation of "making reparation" for what we've done or failed to do that has caused harm.

Scripture: Amos 4:6-11; Hosea 5:15—6:3; Jeremiah 3:12-22; Mark 1:4, 14-15; Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17; Luke 3:3; 13:1-5; Acts 2:37-39; 3:19; 26:17-20; 2 Peter 3:9



Love is willing to share the journey toward reunion and reconciliation. (Photo: [Pickpik](#))



May crowning at Sacred Heart - Lily and Saiorse O'Connor, Viola and Josephine Parsons, and Jimmy Ray Beedle
 Not pictured- Kameron and Keaton O'Connor and Parker Boudrea

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May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25
| Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

Pentecost Sunday is here! If ever there was a day in the Church calendar to celebrate the transformational power of Christianity, this is it. We know from the first reading how the disciples go from being huddled and afraid in a locked room to stepping out boldly in the streets, loudly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. What changed them so suddenly? It was the coming of the Holy Spirit, the third divine person of the Trinity, into their hearts and lives. Jesus calls the Spirit an Advocate, “the Spirit of truth,” who will remain with the apostles after he has left. That same Spirit is promised to us, continuing the Easter joy. It is only through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit that we have the knowledge, ability, and courage to proclaim Jesus as our Lord. Only in this way can we belong to Jesus and be in relationship with the Father. The very same God who created all things is here to help us become the sons and daughters he always envisioned us to be.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says, twice, to his disciples today. He approaches them with gentleness and a calming demeanor. He is aware of their fear and their anxiety, and that they would be confused and unsure upon seeing him in his resurrected body. Jesus offers us the same words: “peace be with you.” For he knows we, too, can be afraid and unsure about what living out his words will mean to our lives. But we need not be worried! The Holy Spirit, that helper and advocate who came to the first disciples, is here to help us fill our hearts with love and joy and speak our beliefs without fear. When we open our hearts to God’s love, Jesus tells us, the Holy Spirit “will guide [us] to all truth.” In other words, he will be there to help us. As Paul states in the reading from Corinthians, we all have different gifts of the Spirit, and the important thing is that we use those gifts and talents to model ourselves after Jesus.

PRAY The Holy Spirit is with us to be our guide and advocate. Today, we pray, “Come, Holy Spirit,” and witness the power of that first Pentecost which set the world on fire with God’s love and truth. This week, spend some time reflecting on the joy you have as a Christian - and show that joy to the world!

Pentecost Sunday

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Pray: Holy Spirit, pour your graces and gifts into our hearts and fuel our passion to love and serve you as ambassadors of Christ. Amen.

Holy Spirit, fill me to overflowing so I may be a channel of God's goodness and grace.

What a gift Jesus promised His disciples! He would send them a mighty Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, to be with them forever. The great news is that He meant this for ALL His followers, including us! The Holy Spirit was given to us over 2,000 years ago at Pentecost, the birthday of our Church. The Spirit of God remains a mighty source of power, hope, and transformation, always ready to propel believers toward truth, holiness, God's Holy Will, and heaven.

Every Catholic receives the Holy Spirit's gifts and grace when they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. When we are baptized, we experience our own personal Pentecost. This Sacrament and the gifts of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are indelibly bonded to our souls, along with all the promises, powers, and graces given to the early disciples.

These gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit are meant to help us become who God created us each to be. They are intended to last forever to help us do the work we were designed to do in God's infinite plan. Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord are the "seven gifts" mentioned in John's Gospel that the Holy Spirit offers to all baptized believers. Today, more than ever, we need to ask for and accept these gifts to follow God's Holy



Will. The Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of the Word and equips us to be bright beacons of light, truth, and hope for others.

After baptism, and again through confirmation, the Holy Spirit continues to pursue us and draw us closer to the image of God in which we were created. God wants to lavish these gifts upon us, but our hearts must be open and docile to receive all He freely wants to give us. We must cooperate using our free will and reach for these gifts to activate them. Prayer, reading Scripture, daily examination of conscience, and frequently receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist will help us grow in the Spirit of Christ to set the world on fire with His love, hope, truth, and peace.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing to grow in the Holy Spirit's gifts?
- † What specific gift(s) do you need to ask for right now, and why?
- † How are you using the Holy Spirit's gifts in your personal life?
- † How is God calling you to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ministry to others?
- † How have you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit when helping others?