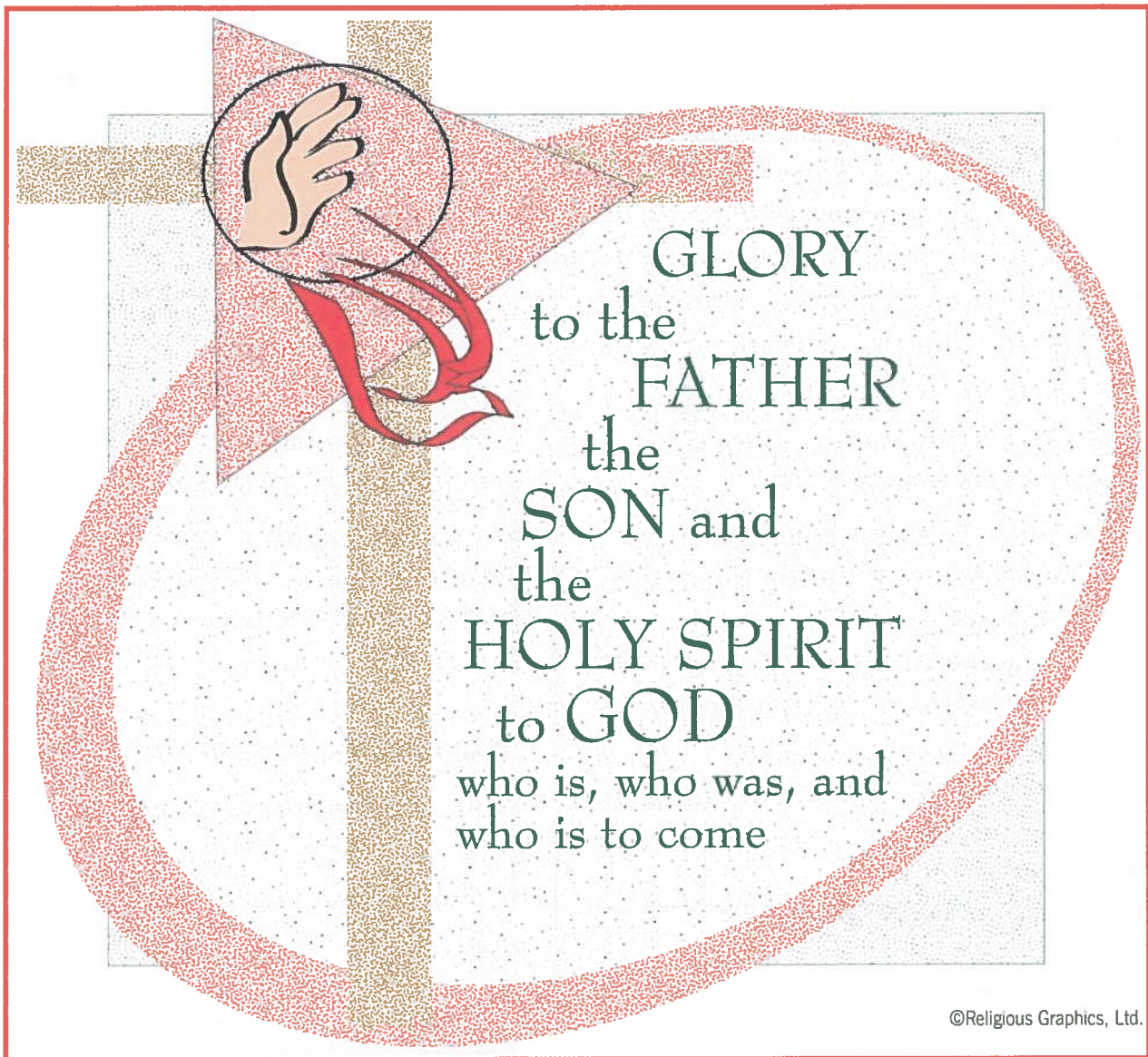


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 25-26, 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

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Quotes: "Be present in all things and thankful for all things."

—Maya Angelou

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 1-2, 2024

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, June 1 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, June 2 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, June 2 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, June 2 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Bob Schultz Roger Jensen Gery Wright	Darul Ferris Kyle Ferris	Vic Carlile Dennis O'Connor Jeff Martin Jeff Steinke	Brent Fulton Erik Wheeler Corinn Wheeler Garrett Smolkovich
Lector	Hillary Webb	Alicia Kirkpatrick	Kathy Buente	Corinn Wheeler
Servers				Caroline Fulton
Greeters			Greeter—Rita Thiesen R. Leader—Kathy Dumas	Brent Fulton

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 27 (SMM) Memorial Day Mass

9:00 am +Mikey King (Dan Hoffman)

Tuesday, May 28 (SH)

8:00 am +Ray Sliwinski (Dorothy Mescher)

+Jerry Mescher (Dorothy Mescher)

Wednesday, May 29 (SJ)

8:00 am +Dorene O'Connor (Tim O'Connor)

Friday, May 31 (SMM)

8:00 am +Mary Lou Fosnaugh (Martha Schneider)

Saturday, June 1 (SMM)

5:00 pm +Denise Jepsen Blake (Kathy Jepsen)

+Vicki Webber (Kathy Jepsen)

Sunday, June 2

7:30 am (SH) + James Riley, Patricia Berns, Dauntless
Gruber, Curtis Riley, Sr., Geraldine Tobenski
(The Family)

9:00am (SJ) +Sondra Hertz (Rita Wagner)

+Margarita Thiesen (Thiesen Family)

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

A Look Ahead

Sunday, May 26—Sacred Heart Breakfast after Mass

Sunday, May 26—Memorial Day program at Legion

Monday, May 24—Memorial Day Mass 9am at SMM

Wednesday, June 5—SJ Mass at 5:30 pm (no am Mass)

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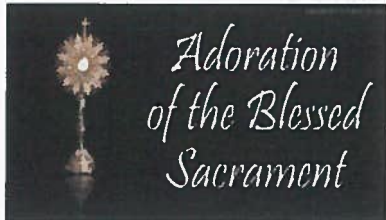
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Terri Weakley— 815-514-8171

Collections Week of May 18-19, 2024

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,657 Safe Harbor- \$3,746
St. Jame—\$1,391 Safe Harbor—\$3,835
Sacred Heart—\$1,199 Safe Harbor—\$4,579

Thank you for your generosity!



*Adoration
of the Blessed
Sacrament*

First Friday adoration will be held on Friday, June 7th at Sacred Heart (feast of the Sacred Heart).

Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 3:00.

Venerable Norbert McAuliffe on the Blessed Sacrament

When Brother Norbert was asked by someone on what someone 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."

**TO ALL OF OUR
GRADUATES:**

**YOU HAVE LEARNED MUCH
AND GROWN GREATLY.
MAY GOD GUIDE AND DIRECT
YOU TO A BRIGHT AND
BLESSED FUTURE.**

Congratulations!

Question of the week: Who is someone I am strongly bonded with? How is our bond suggestive of those of the Trinity? Who is someone I'm barely bonded with? How can I strengthen and nurture that bond?



Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ The week of May 26th, the Blessed Virgin Mary candle burns in prayer and gratitude for the brave souls who have sacrificed their lives for our nation
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Sacred Heart Church is again going to honor fathers for Father's Day by placing flowers on the altars. The white represent pure love, for deceased fathers and the red are a symbol of deep love & affection for living fathers. There is a basket on the table at the entrance with envelopes for the money and the names. Include your name as well. Check the list from last year that is there and if there is no change, write "same as last year." Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Church.

St. James—

- ◆ Starting July 7, 2024, grave sites at St. James Cemetery will be \$800.

All Parishes—

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

**Join us for a parish breakfast and fellowship
hosted by Sacred Heart's CCW**

Sunday, May 26 following 7:30 am Mass

Lots of delicious food including biscuits and gravy, eggs, ham, cheesy potatoes, donuts, fruit, and egg casserole.

There will be door prizes and a guessing game!

Breakfast is free and all are welcome!





Obscure saint of the week: St. Bruno of Wurzburg (May 27) was the son of Duke Conrad of Carinthia and the Baroness Matilda. He was also the nephew of Pope Gregory V, and the cousin to emperor Conrad II, and later a counselor to him. Bruno was the great-nephew of Saint Bruno of Querfort. Bruno was younger than average when ordained. Later he became the bishop of Würzburg, Germany in 1033. He built the Cathedral of Saint Killian with his personal funds, and several parish churches in his diocese. He was a noted scholar and author, his best-known work being a commentary on the Psalms. Bruno was also known as a peacemaker who ended the siege of Milan, Italy. He joined emperor Henry III on the campaign against the Hungarians and earned the popular title of *Father of the poor* through his charity.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Secundus of Troia (May 27) immigrated to Italy from north Africa to escape persecution by Arian Vandals in the 3rd century. He became the bishop of Troia, Italy.

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

Meanwhile, the 11 disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by Baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age" (from Matthew 28).

Reflections

Holiness is...

Holiness is not something that comes from doing good; we do good because we are holy.

Holiness is not something we acquire by avoiding evil; we avoid evil because we are holy.

Holiness is not something that follows from prayer; we pray because we are holy.

Holiness is not the result of kindness; we are kind because we are holy.

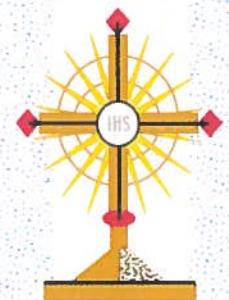
Holiness is not something that blossoms when we are courageous; we are courageous because we are holy.

Holiness is not the result of character building, we build character because we are holy.

Holiness is not a gift we obtain after a lifetime of service; we give service because we are holy.

Our holiness is God with us, Emmanuel. And while it's true that holiness carries with it both the Cross and Resurrection, it is more a gift than a reward.

JESUS



we
adore
you

Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

Where was the first Marian apparition?

Did you know that the first Marian apparition occurred even before the Blessed Mother was assumed into Heaven?



Around 40 A.D., Mary is believed to have appeared to the Apostle James the Greater in modern-day Zaragoza, Spain. The Blessed Mother was standing on a pillar of jasper, helped by two angels, an apparition that led to the devotion to Our Lady of the Pillar.

According to tradition, at the time, St. James was evangelizing to the Romans in modern-day Spain and was encountering great struggles and discouragement. While he was praying by a river, Mary bilocated from Jerusalem to bring St. James encouragement and consolation.

Today, the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar is located at the site of the apparition in Zaragoza, Spain. This cathedral was the first church dedicated to Mary in Church history.

The basilica contains majestic artwork; the main attraction is the wooden statue of Our Lady, standing on a jasper column. Many well-known Church figures and leaders have visited the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, including St. Teresa of Ávila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Ignatius of Loyola.

May is the month of Mary! Let these last days of May remind you to grow in devotion to our Blessed Mother. The saints understood the importance of Mary's role in our spiritual lives. Studying the saints' own devotion to Our Lady is a powerful way to grow in your own devotion! In *How They Love Mary*, you will learn about the unique relationship between Our Lady and 28 saints and about the lessons you can learn from their devotion!

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St. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC PARISH



CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION

With Bishop Ronald A. Hicks

Sunday, June 2, 2024

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Paul II Parish

907 S. 9th Ave., Kankakee

Followed by a Procession to the Chapel of St. Rose of Lima

486 W. Merchant St., Kankakee



Praise GOD who
CREATES us
REDEEMS us
and SANCTIFIES us

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6:30PM Opening Mass

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

11:30AM Closing Mass

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Rev. Thomas McCarthy, OSA

Guest Speaker

Sat, June 1st at 10:30am



Meg Hunter-Kilmer

Speaker and Author

Sat, June 1st at 7:30pm

Questions Catholics Ask

What's an evangelist? How many are there?

By the time of the third-century church fathers, the list of evangelists seems reduced down to four: the gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Evangelist translates from the Greek as "messenger of good tidings." All baptized persons are called to be such messengers. From the professional preacher to the person who exemplifies a life of Christian virtue, all might validly claim to be evangelists. As early as Isaiah's prophecies, heralds of good news are cited in the Bible. In the Letter to the Ephesians, apostles, prophets, and evangelists play vital roles within the church. The deacon Philip in Acts is called an evangelist, as is Paul's protege Timothy. So it's clear that in biblical terms, evangelist is not an exclusive term.

However, by the time of the third-century church fathers, the list of evangelists seems reduced down to four: the gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These four concretized the Good News which the whole church going forward would proclaim. In early church art, the four evangelists were simply depicted as men holding books, or symbolically as four scrolls situated at the corners of a cross. They were also imagined as the four rivers of Paradise mentioned in Genesis: Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, and Euphrates, meant to water the earth and give it life. By the fourth century, the symbology of the gospel evangelists became a standardized tetramorph ("four shapes"): man, lion, ox, and eagle. These were not arbitrarily chosen. In the initial vision of the prophet Ezekiel, he perceives "a great stormwind" blowing in from the North. Riding this gale are four living creatures. They appear in human form with faces, legs, and hands. But they also have wings and polished hooves. Facing outwardly in the four directions, their faces resemble a human, lion, ox, and eagle respectively. "Wherever the spirit would go, they went; they did not change direction when they moved." These extraordinary creatures are four and yet unified in their movement. They also burn like coals of fire.

This tetramorph makes a reappearance in the Book of Revelation, and it's likely that the writer, John of Patmos, consciously intends the gospel writers with this usage. Matthew emphasizes the humanity of Jesus: he's represented as the man. Mark highlights the divinity and kingship of Jesus, and is identified as the lion. Luke holds up the sacrificial character of Jesus and so becomes the ox. John is the eagle. His gospel soars above the others with its transcendent perspective on the meaning of Jesus as the eternal Christ.

Scriptures: Genesis 2:10-14; Isaiah 52:7; Ezekiel 1:4-25; Luke 4:18-21; Acts 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:5; Revelation 4:6-8, 5:14



Heavenly Father,

Today we honor those who gave their life for their country on foreign battlefields and here at home. Though they would have preferred peace to war, they responded to the call to serve and made the ultimate sacrifice defending the ideals in which they believed, defending their brothers-and-sisters-in arms, and defending innocents from violence. May their courage be honored and remembered; may their example influence current and future generations; may their legacy be one of love and sacrifice; and may their souls be embraced by You.

We also remember those service members whose invisible wounds led them to take their own lives. Their minds, hearts, and spirits were in turmoil due to the violence they had experienced, and they thought there was no other way to end their pain. We pray that You welcome these men and women into Your loving and merciful heart. We also pray that those enduring these struggles right now realize that suicide is not the answer. May they find the hope they are looking for because there are good people out there who are willing and able to help them.

We pray also for those designated POW/MIA. Their families have no closure. They don't know if their loved ones are alive or dead. Bring them the answers they seek and, if possible, bring the missing home.

Finally, comfort the families of all the men and women who have been lost to war and terrorism. To them, the deceased are not just military personnel, but rather father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, friend. Help these families remember the good times and look forward to being reunited with their loved ones in Your heavenly kingdom some day where there will be no more mourning.

We ask this in Your loving name, Father.

Amen.



The Holy Trinity with Crown by Max Faint, CCO

May 26, 2024

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 | Rom 8:14-17 | Mt 28:16-20

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

Today is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity: One God, two natures (Jesus is fully human and fully divine), and three divine persons. Whenever I think about this feast, I am reminded of some wise words I heard once from a professor, although I am paraphrasing: It's not necessary to try to describe in theological terms what God is, for no matter what we say it will be inadequate to the reality of the ultimate grandeur of God. What is important, and what affects people day to day, is talking about *who* God is, and *how* God is. And so this Trinity Sunday is a day to reiterate that which is most fundamental to our understanding and belief: God *is* love. Not just God is loving, or God loves, but *God is love itself*. He is a continual outpouring of selfless love - *agape* is the Greek word - which brought forth creation, and all creatures to share in it. It is a communion of love by which and for which we were created; we are meant to emulate and live that same relational communion of love with one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As human beings, we simply do not *have* the ability to live our baptismal call perfectly - to love one another as God loves us. What we do have is our Triune God who gives us the grace to strive for perfection as in Christ, but who, in the end, is the one who perfects us in him. "[We] must keep his statutes and commandments," Moses has said. And Paul gives us hope in doing so as he tells us that "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." The Lord is here with us, helping us and advocating for us. And in our mission of discipleship, we have the promise from Jesus, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." We give thanks and praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for all these gifts and so much more.

PRAY All Christian prayer is Trinitarian in nature: we pray to the Father, through the Son, in/by the power of the Spirit. Some prayers are very specifically written to include the Trinity/Godhead by name. The most recognizable one is this doxology, or the Glory Be: *Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Add it to your daily prayers.

The Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 | Ps 33:4-6, 9, 12b, 18-20, 22 | Rom 8:14-17 | Mt 28:16-20

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for loving and guiding me through the Holy Trinity. Amen.

The Holy Trinity is a reminder to make loving, faith-sharing relationships.

Our Universal Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Trinity today. The Risen Christ's Great Commission to his disciples then and now commands: "Make disciples of all nations." We are comforted and inspired by Jesus' promise to always be with us, as this assignment is challenging!



Central to the Christian faith is belief in the one, true, Triune God, the Blessed Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This supernatural mystery of three persons in one God is a doctrine of our faith, first developed from Sacred Scripture and communal prayer of the early church and officially affirmed by the close of the fourth century. Through the Trinity's mystery, power, and love, God the Father stays in intimate communion with everyone baptized through Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Our God is generous, loving, and merciful. Having made us in His image, He seeks to draw us to Himself and make us more like Him each day in love and service to others. He supports and directs us through the mutual love shared by His Son and the love of the Holy Spirit. We can count on all three persons of the one true God in the Holy Trinity to help us in our relationships, face the world's challenges, reach our goal of heaven, and bring others to Christ's saving grace.

As Life-giver, God the Father is our Creator, authority, and powerful protector. His infinite and unconditional love directs our lives toward His perfect and holy will, always for the good of our soul and the good and salvation of humanity.

Jesus, the Son of God, is God the Father's gift to us to reveal Himself in the flesh. What we see and learn through Christ's life and teachings mirrors the love of God the Father. Jesus glorifies the Father, and He is the only way to eternal life with the Father.

The Holy Spirit is the divine Advocate promised by Jesus to come to dwell in us. By the Spirit, the Father and the Son live within us, enlightening our understanding and paths to

holiness, filling us with the gift of faith, and transforming our hearts and lives.

The Holy Trinity's example teaches us the value of relationships. Jesus, with the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, asks us to spread the Good News of God's love through our love and faith in action and our words of hope, truth, mercy, and peace.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you experienced the presence of God the Father in your life? God the Son? God the Holy Spirit?
- † In your relationships at home, work, church, or serving in ministry, how do you model the unity of the Trinity as having one heart and soul?
- † How does the Holy Spirit help you to share the Gospel?