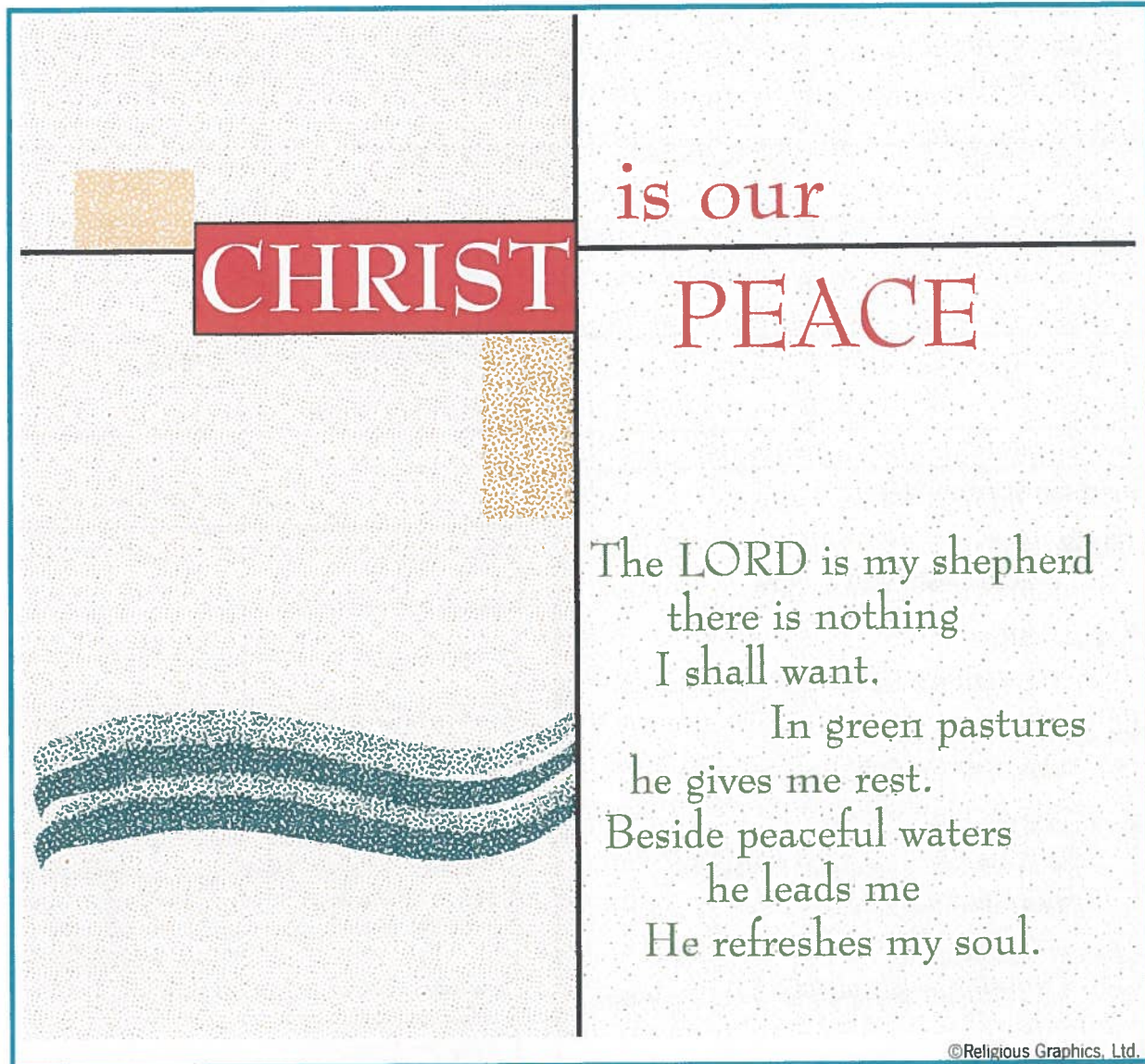


The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20-21, 2024



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: 207 E. 5th Street Herscher, IL 60941

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Quotable: "Our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity."
 —Saint Gregory the Great

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time				July 27-28, 2024	
Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, July 27 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, July 28 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, July 28 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, July 28 10:30 am	
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	
Ushers	Gery Wright Dan Hoffman Bob Schultz Dave Emling	Kyle Ferris David Kirkpatrick	Vic Carlile Jeff Steinke Dennis O'Connor Jeff Martin	Wayne Bisailon Glen Fritz Kim Smicker Brent Fulton	
Lector	Hillary Webb	Darlene Cipcich	Mary Peerbolte	Diane Long	
Servers				Caroline Fulton	
Greeters			Greeter—Dallas Ferris R. Leader—Kathy Dumas	Julie Splear	

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 22 (SMM)
 8:00 am +Jim Webber (SMM C CW)

Tuesday, July 23 (SH)
 8:00 am +Les Gingrich (Jackie Cross)

Wednesday, July 24 (SJ)
 8:00 am +Jacob Peters (Bruce and Lynnette)

Friday, July 26 (SMM)
 8:00 am +Lloyd Billadeau & Heidi McDaniel
 (Mariann Lane)

Saturday, July 27 (SMM)
 5:00 pm +Joe & Mary Heimbürger (Maryann Wagner)

Sunday, July 28

7:30 am (SH) +Dick Fitch (Blessed Trinity K of C)
 +Carson Cross (Bob/Zandra Cross)

9:00am (SJ) +Joe & Darlene Peerbolte (Ron/Vicki Peerbolte)

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

A Look Ahead

Friday, August 2—First Friday Adoration at SMM

August 3/4—K of K Food Drive

Sunday, August 11—Free breakfast at SH after Mass

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 Sacred Heart-Marilyn Pfeiffer 815-955-8246 (call or text)
 Terri Weakley— 815-514-8171

Due to the power outage, money for the weekend of July 13-14 will be counted and reported next week.

A Stewardship Moment

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of July 20/21, 2024

The Letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ is creating a new world order: one that brings about relationships based on love, peace, reconciliation, hope and unity. As a Eucharistic community, we are stewards of Christ's new creation. How are we promoting peace and reconciliation? How are we showing love for our neighbors? What are we doing to encourage unity and understanding among those with whom we gather around the Lord's Table each week?

Adult Ed

We will be starting adult ed after Labor Day. We will be doing a video series on the 10 Commandments. If you are interested, please call the office (426-2550) and register. Also, please let me know what night of the week works better for you so we can pick a night that works best for the group. I am open to doing Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday sessions.

Gospel Shorts— Can You Afford Not To?

In the business of life, prayer can easily take a back seat. With all the responsibilities we have, the things we must do and the schedules we must keep, it may seem as though we simply cannot afford to take the time for prayer. Beyond the time issue, many of us are not comfortable with the only kind of prayer we know. In fact, there may be approaches to praying to which we have not yet been introduced, approaches that would fit us well. There are even ways of learning them. The fact of the matter is that despite our wondering whether we can afford to take the time, the real question is whether we can afford not to.

1st Friday Adoration



First Friday Mass and adoration will be at St. Margaret Mary on Friday, August 2. Benediction will take place 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.**"

Please fill out the ministry form found in your pew this weekend! Thank you for your help!!

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

St. James—

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ There will be no C.C.W. meeting in August. The next meeting will be 6:30p.m. Sept. 10th, with hostesses, Laurie Palinski and Terri Weakley
- ◆ The Sacred Heart CCW will be serving a free breakfast following the 7:30 am Mass August 11. Everyone is welcome! Please join us for a great meal and fellowship.

All Parishes—

- ◆ There is a new form in each pew to fill out concerning ministries. Please consider joining our ministry teams in any way you are able. Each parish could use more volunteers to help out. High school students are encouraged to get involved as well.
- ◆ Due to vacation, fair schedules, etc. there will be no Knights of Columbus meeting in the month of July. Next meeting will be August 26, 2024 at St James at 7:00 PM
- ◆ 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.

Reflection Is Your Family Healthy?

Here are 15 traits of a healthy family. The healthy family ...

1. *Communicates and listens.*
2. *Affirms and supports one another.*
3. *Teaches respect for others.*
4. *Develops a sense of trust.*
5. *Has a sense of play and humor.*
6. *Exhibits a sense of shared responsibility.*
7. *Teaches a sense of right and wrong.*
8. *Has a strong sense of family in which rituals and traditions abound.*
9. *Has a balance of interaction among members.*
10. *Has a shared religious core.*
11. *Respects the privacy of one another.*
12. *Values service to others.*
13. *Fosters family-table time and conversation.*
14. *Shares leisure time.*
15. *Admits to and seeks help with problems.*

Question of the week

How can I put aside a half hour a week to reflect on how I am living as a disciple and pray for God's assistance? Can I face the Lord honestly with my shortcomings and failures?



Saint of the week: St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) We have very little solid information about Saint Mary, and both scholars and traditions differ on the interpretation of what we do know.

She was a friend and follower of Jesus. Filled with sorrow over her sin, she anointed Christ, washed his feet with her hair. He exorcised seven demons from her. She was visited by the Risen Christ.

There are also arguments about her life after the Crucifixion.

The Greek Church maintains that she retired to Ephesus with the Blessed Virgin Mary and lived there the rest of her life.

A French tradition says that Mary, Lazarus, and some companions came to Marseilles, France, evangelized and converted the whole Provence region, and then retired to live 30 years as a penitent hermitess at La Sainte-Baume.



Obscure Saint of the week: St. Gualtero of Lodi (July 22) was the only child of Aliprando and Adelazia, pious parents who were childless so long that they promised God they would devote any child of theirs to the Church. They kept their pledge, giving the boy a good education, and by age fifteen Gualtero was working as a Hospitaller friar in the San Raimondo il Palmerio hospital in Piacenza, Italy, beginning his lifelong devotion to care of the sick and poor.

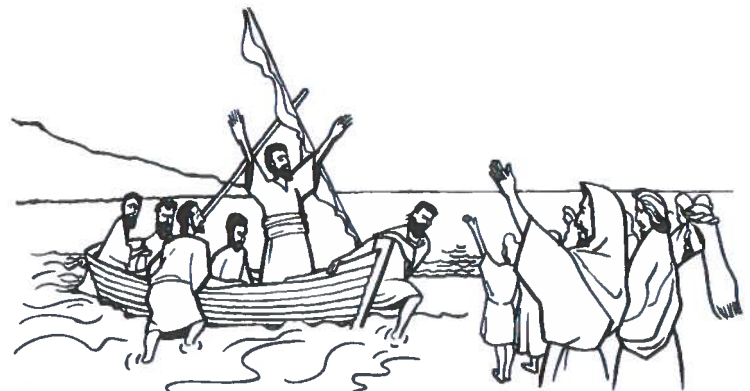
His father died not long after; his mother entered a convent. Gualtero sold off and gave away all their property, and the two devoted themselves to God. Gualtero worked in then San Bartolomeo hospital in Lodi, Italy, living as a sort of anchorite on the grounds. He founded clinics for the poor and pilgrims in the Italian cities of Fanzago, Vercelli, Tortona, Crema and Melegnano. With the financial assistance of the city of Lodi and the archbishop of Milan, Italy, he and a fellow priest founded the Ospitale della Misericordia (Hospital of Mercy) in Lodi, which attracted the services of many brothers, sisters and hermits, and the adjoining church of Saints James and Philip on April 30, 1206.

Known for his ascetic life, working and traveling barefoot and dressed in sack cloth, he could heal by prayer and always gave away anything he had that was more than his immediate need.

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat.

So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves. Someone saw them going and the word got around. From the surrounding towns people went out on foot, running, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them (from Mark 6).



...His heart was moved with pity for them...
MARK 6:34

Questions Catholics Ask

What's the vocation of a religious brother about?

The communal life is key, as it becomes a form of spiritual family to stabilize the commitment of its members even as it liberates them from the responsibilities of typical family life.

To many Catholics, religious brothers are invisible in the hierarchy of church leadership. Clergy play public liturgical roles, and religious sisters were traditionally set apart by their habits and occupations as schoolteachers and nurses. But brothers? It's possible you never met one, or didn't know it if you did.



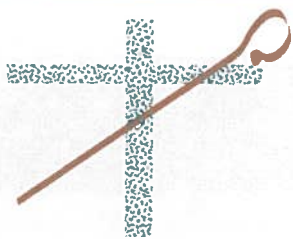
Religious brothers are members of the laity, as religious sisters are. They consecrate themselves to the three traditional evangelical counsels: poverty, chastity, obedience. Three distinguishing marks of a brother are his public profession to consecrated life, commitment to a religious community, and dedication to some aspect of church service. Some brothers are called monks (like Benedictines and Trappists) or friars (Franciscans or Dominicans), while others are simply known as brothers within a larger community that may include ordained members as well (like Oratorians and Jesuits).

Some teaching orders, such as the Christian Brothers, are entirely composed of consecrated laymen. Yet early in church history, most monastics and religious were brothers, ordaining members only when their community needed a priest to serve them. Later on, many deep-rooted religious orders began to ordain most of their members as a matter of course. Those who presented themselves for religious life but were uneducated or ill-suited for ordained ministry remained brothers, serving the community in supportive roles as porters, cooks, and gardeners. This contributed to a class system in religious life, as brothers had less voice, vote, or authority within their communities. Since Vatican II, in modern community life more brothers are attaining leadership roles and equivalent status as full peers to priestly members.

You may wonder why someone chooses to formally profess as a religious brother (or sister), since the work they do can be done by unprofessed people. The communal life is key, as it becomes a form of spiritual family to stabilize the commitment of its members even as it liberates them from the responsibilities of typical family life.

Each religious community may orient the ministry of their brothers to a particular kind of service, as religious sisters do: education, healthcare, social services or social justice action. Precisely because they aren't ordained, brothers can be more flexible and versatile in their work, responding to the needs of their generation. Brothers today may serve in the areas of ecology, racial justice, migrant ministry, media, or wherever their talents and the world's need come together. When you think about it, who couldn't use a helpful brother?

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31; Matthew 5:3; 19:16-30; Luke 6:20; 18:18-30; John 4:31-34; 6:37-; Philipians 2:8-10; Hebrews 10:5-7



Though I may walk in the valley of darkness no evil will I fear for you are at my side with your rod and staff that give me courage

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Current Status for 2024 CMAA			
Parish	Goal	Pledged	Paid
Sacred Heart	\$6,000	\$7,650	\$6,050
St. MM	\$9,400	\$9,095	\$8,690
St. James	\$8,800	\$7,325	\$7,138



The next Knights of Columbus next Food for Families collection will be held August 3-4 at all three parishes. This is a great way to give to help those in need. We thank you for your support!!

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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

How does the National Eucharistic Revival Speak to SSCM Charisms?

Presenters:

**Karen Lance, Sr. Amy Meija, sscm,
& Monica Phan**

**WHEN: Wednesday, August 21, 2024
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

WHERE:

Online via our ZOOM online platform

To register, please
follow this link:

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Questions? Contact Susan Amann:
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Watercolor Workshop

Presenter:

Sr. Mary Stella Schellenberger, sscm

**WHEN: Thursday, August 8, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

WHERE:

**One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
2041 W. State Route 113
Kankakee, IL 60901**

To register, please
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Catholic Snacks, Get Fed Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

Do we know what happened to the seamless robe of Jesus?

The traditions surrounding this relic lead us far away from Jerusalem.

If you ever find yourself in Trier, Germany, you will learn an astonishing fact: the Cathedral of Trier possesses several ancient relics—and claims to preserve Jesus' seamless robe among them.

The seamless robe is the garment which the Roman guards gambled over after the crucifixion.

When Constantine's mother, St. Helen, journeyed to the Holy Land in search of the True Cross, she found not only the Cross but also many other precious artifacts from Our Lord's time. Several of these artifacts were sent to Rome, while others were taken to one the Empire's western capitals—Trier.

Evidence in documents from Trier dating from before the 12th century affirms this tradition. In addition, a 5th-century plaque within the church lists the relics of Trier, numbering the Seamless Robe as one.

The Basilica of St. Denis in Argenteuil, France, also preserves an ancient seamless robe. Argenteuil tradition relates that it was given to Emperor Charlemagne by Irene of Constantinople in 800 A.D. and hidden in a wall during the turbulent centuries that followed.

Trier and Argenteuil both acknowledge the authenticity of the other's garment, while suggesting that one is the inner garment worn by Jesus during the walk to Calvary and the other His outer mantle.

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July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18 | Mk 6:30-34

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

What words do we associate with being misled? Deceived, fooled, cheated? While these actions make great plot points in novels and movies, in real life they are offenses against justice, charity, and truth. In both the first reading and the Gospel today, we hear that God's people are being misled ("Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture") and/or left to their own devices ("for they were like sheep without a shepherd"). In the time of Jeremiah the kings of Judah, who were shepherding in God's name, were not tending their flock: They had "scattered [his] sheep and driven them away." Jeremiah prophesies that the Lord will gather the remnant of his flock and bring them back to their meadow; in short, the Lord offers hope. He would raise up from the house of David a true shepherd to guide and guard his people. The incarnation of Jesus is the manifestation of that hope, and in him we have a guiding light to lead us along the correct path. He will never deceive, fool, or cheat. In this world filled with unrest and division, he offers something that no mortal man or woman can: He is the one who saves and redeems. He is the one true shepherd.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When life is packed with activities and stress, today's readings remind us what we need to do - let go of our worries and focus on Jesus. Just as, in the first reading, God's people are scattered because of poor shepherding, all of us can lose sight from time to time of what should be first and foremost in our lives: our relationship with Jesus. The key to living a good life is to listen to Jesus' words and disregard all the other noise out there. St. Paul writes that Christ is our peace, reconciling us to God and giving us access in one Spirit to the Father, through himself. In addition to Jesus bringing us the peace we need, he also guides us to the Truth. As Christians, we choose Truth over chaos and deception. It's easy to be inadvertently misled in this busy world; losing one's way is rarely intentional. But we can all struggle at times with keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and his loving, guiding hand. If we want true peace in our lives, choose Jesus; choose his compassion and love; and be open to his desire to "teach [us] many things."

PRAY This week find your true rest and peace by meeting Jesus at daily Mass or Eucharistic adoration. Even better, why not share the peace of Christ with someone who you know might be struggling, and invite them to come to Mass or adoration with you? The crowds of people who came to see Jesus learned about him from others; let us do the same and share the joy we find in Jesus with others.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024: Jer 23:1-6 | Ps 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18
| Mk 6:30-34

Pray: Lord Jesus, help us prioritize prayer over activity and seek balance in our lives. Amen.

Jesus invites His disciples to rest in Him.

This Sunday's Gospel speaks volumes about Jesus' tender care of His apostles as they came bursting in from their first successful missionary excursion. After shadowing Him for so long, Jesus sent His disciples out on their own to preach, teach, heal, and drive out demons. Exhausted and full of excitement, can you imagine all the stories they had to share? Many people followed them and begged for their attention. Jesus loved the passionate hearts of His new missionaries, but He also knew what they needed most before sending them back out to serve. They needed to step away and physically and spiritually rest with Him.



This is a vital lesson for all Christians actively serving in ministry. Like the apostles, we need time with Jesus. No matter how many good works we do, loving God and others through our actions alone is not enough. We must reserve time to nurture our interior life as we seek divine union with Him. Nourishing our souls with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist also brings us oneness with the Lord. Prayer helps us remember that God is in power and control, not ourselves, and builds our trust in Him. It can be unhealthy and even

dangerous for our souls if we fail to put our relationship with Christ before everything else. We need personal, contemplative time with Jesus, the lover of our souls.

As the Holy Eucharist is the summit of our faith, our interior life – our personal relationship with God – is the foundation of our faith. It is here that we can truly know and love God. We can also share our joys, sorrows, and questions in prayer. We can ask the Holy Spirit to continue guiding and molding our hearts and actions into the same heart as Jesus. In prayer, we can sit in His presence – in praise, worship, and grace – and listen for God's Holy Will as He speaks to our hearts. This rest and renewal of our souls is like putting gas in our spiritual tanks to fuel more of God's love and action through us. We should prioritize our contemplative life – falling deeper into knowing and loving God – as this is the life we will one day enjoy in heaven. Our active life of love and service will naturally flow from this as we learn to see God more clearly in others.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What are you doing to deepen your interior life with God?
- † In what ways can too much service and not enough prayer time be a problem?
- † How can physical and spiritual rest help your relationship with God and others?