

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 29-30, 2024

Talitha koum!



Little girl
I say to you
ARISE!

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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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Quotable: "O God, to know you is life. To serve you is freedom. To praise you is the soul's joy and delight."
 —Saint Augustine

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6-7, 2024

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, July 6 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, July 7 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, July 7 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, July 7 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Gery Wright Dave Emling Todd Datweiler Dave Hoffman	James Mallaney David Kirkpatrick	Bob Buente Vic Carlile Dennis O'Connor Jeff Martin	Erik Wheeler Corinn Wheeler Darren Lovell Galen Fritz
Lector	Bobbi Buza	Terri Weakley	Kelly Buente	Sydney Weldon
Servers				Caroline Fulton
Greeters			Greeter—Jerry Ogrentz R. Leader—Rita Thiesen	Stacey Powers

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 1 (SMM)

8:00 am +Theresa Gualandi (Harry/Alice Gualandi)

Tuesday, July 2 (SH)

8:00 an +Elsie Dumas (Mike O'Connor, Pat /Glenn Hertz)

Wednesday, July 3 (SJ)

8:00 am +Gerald Bernicky (Rita Thiesen)

Thursday, July 4 (SH)

9:00 am Leland Denault (The Family)

Friday, July 5 First Friday at SJ

8:00 am +Noreen Saathoff (Jerry/Mary O'Connor)

Saturday, July 6 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, July 7

7:30 am (SH) + Rosalie Denault, Floyd Tobenski, Francis Berns, & Peggy Pepin (The Family)

9:00am (SJ) +Ivan Denault (Linda Klump)

+Vaughn Peerbolte (Dallas/Joyce Ferris)

10:30am (SMM) For All the Past/Present Priest of the Parish

A Look Ahead

June 29/30—Second Collection—Peter Pence

Thursday, July 4— 9 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday, July 5— First Friday Adoration at SJ

July 6/7— K of C Food for Families food collection

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Collections Week of June 22-23, 2024

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,271

St. James—\$1,253

Sacred Heart—\$1,248

Thank you for your generosity!

Reflection

Eucharistic News

Jesus is forever talking to us. Unfortunately, we are, more often than not, too busy to listen. He speaks to us through our families and friends, other people we meet and the wonder and beauty of nature. He also uses the Scriptures when we receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes his messages to us are loud and clear. Other times he leaves us signs and signals that require time and effort on our part in order to understand what it is he is saying.

For example, every year it seems that winter will last forever. When we hurry through the days, glancing quickly about, all we see is winter. No leaves on the trees, grass that looks dead and no hints of spring. But when we take the time and look slowly, we notice all the signs of spring that are easily overlooked when we are in a hurry.

It's the same thing with our lives and our world. If we look quickly and only at the surface, we see much that is ugly and wrong. It is only when we take our time and really 'look' at what God is doing that we can see changes taking place.

If all we see is what is wrong in life and in the world, maybe we need to spend time asking Jesus to show us what is good.

In order to hear his answer, we will need a place that is quiet. A place where we can escape the hustle and bustle of every day life and just enjoy 'being' with him. He is forever talking to us ... isn't it time we listen?



1st Friday Adoration

First Friday Mass and adoration will be at Saint James on Friday July 5th. 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.*"

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

St. James—

Sacred Heart—

All Parishes—

- ◆ 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.

Gospel Shorts—

"The Fragile Capacity to Feel Another's Pain"

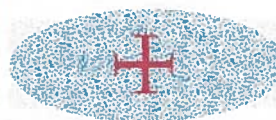
We don't find it easy these days to be people of compassion. The reasons are many, but surely high on any list must be the fact that the needs are so vast. It isn't a matter of being compassionate toward people we know well. We are called to show compassion to literally millions of people all around the world. Confronted by this situation, we are left numbed by numbers. Moreover, we are haunted by helplessness, not knowing just how to respond to the needs around us.

That is our situation, and we need to face it honestly. At the same time, however, we cannot turn our backs on the call to compassion, and the reason is clear. The call comes from our Lord himself. It was the fragile capacity to feel another's pain that he demonstrated, and this is made clear in his ministry to Jairus whose daughter had died and to the woman who was healed by touching the hem of his garment. And what our Lord did provides an example and an imperative for us as Christian believers.



The next Knights of Columbus next Food for Families collection will be held July 6-7 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



**Christ became poor
so that by his poverty
we might become rich**

Saint of the week: St. Irenaeus of Lyons (June 28) was a disciple of Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. He was ordained in 177. He became the bishop of Lugdunum, Gaul (modern Lyons, France). Irenaeus worked and wrote against Gnosticism, basing his arguments on the works of Saint John the Apostle, whose Gospel is often cited by Gnostics. He dispatched evangelists to the region, including Saint Ferreolus of Besançon and Saint Ferrutio of Besançon. Irenaeus is considered the first great Western ecclesiastical writer and theologian. He emphasized the unity of the Old and New Testament, of Christ's simultaneous human and divine nature, and the value of tradition. He was a Father of the Church and declared a Doctor of the Church on January 21, 2022.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Heimrad (June 23) was a priest who made several pilgrimages to holy sites. He was so unworldly, his mind so much on spiritual matters that many of the people he met thought he was a lunatic. After years of travel, he decided to settle as a Benedictine monk. After some time in the community, he retired to become a hermit at Hasungen, Westphalia (in modern Germany).

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

After Jesus crossed over by boat, a large crowd met him at the seaside. One of the meeting-place leaders named Jairus came. When he saw Jesus, he fell to his knees, beside himself as he begged, "My dear daughter is at death's door. Come and lay hands on her so she will get well and live." Jesus went with him, the whole crowd tagging along, pushing and jostling him.

A woman who had suffered a condition of hemorrhaging for twelve years—a long succession of physicians had treated her, and treated her badly, taking all her money and leaving her worse off than before—had heard about Jesus. She slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, "If I can put a finger on his robe, I can get well." The moment she did it, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew her plague was over and done with.

At the same moment, Jesus felt energy discharging from him. He turned around to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"

His disciples said, "What are you talking about? With this crowd pushing and jostling you, you're asking, 'Who touched me?' Dozens have touched you!"

But he went on asking, looking around to see who had done it. The woman, knowing what had happened, knowing she was the one, stepped up in fear and trembling, knelt before him, and gave him the whole story.

Jesus said to her, "Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague."

While he was still talking, some people came from the leader's house and told him, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?"

Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, "Don't listen to them; just trust me."

He permitted no one to go in with him except Peter, James, and John. They entered the leader's house and pushed their way through the gossips looking for a story and neighbors bringing in casseroles. Jesus was abrupt: "Why all this busybody grief and gossip? This child isn't dead; she's sleeping." Provoked to sarcasm, they told him he didn't know what he was talking about.

But when he had sent them all out, he took the child's father and mother, along with his companions, and entered the child's room. He clasped the girl's hand and said, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up." At that, she was up and walking around! This girl was twelve years of age. They, of course, were all beside themselves with joy. He gave them strict orders that no one was to know what had taken place in that room. Then he said, "Give her something to eat" (from Mark 5).

Questions Catholics Ask "What is a kiss of peace?"

A lot of kissing goes on, in the Bible as outside of it. Some 50 references, to be precise—but not all are kisses of peace, nor what the New Testament frequently calls "a holy kiss." Many kisses, within and apart from Scripture, are exchanged between spouses, lovers, children and parents, friends or family in the hour of separation. Such gestures imply affection and a close personal bond.

However, biblical kisses may mean more. Ritual kisses are exchanged between kings and their subjects as a sign of fealty. The prophet Samuel kisses Saul when anointing him first king of Israel. The hand of a lender may be kissed by a borrower. These kisses are promises of action or renumeration to follow. Kisses may also signal reconciliation. In this way, aggrieved Esau kisses Jacob when the long-separated brothers are reunited. Joseph kisses the brothers who sold him into slavery when the family is finally restored. Jesus recommends all divisions be similarly resolved before approaching the altar with a gift.

Proverbs describes an honest reply as "a kiss on the lips." Psalm 85 imagines the meeting of justice and peace as a kiss. Such plentiful ritual use of the kiss is why betrayal with a kiss is both unexpected and reprehensible. As early as Genesis, Jacob deceives his blind father with a kiss, posing as his brother to steal his paternal blessing. King David's general Joab pretends to kiss an enemy Amasa, then stabs him in the abdomen. Most famously, Judas betrays Jesus to a mob in Gethsemane by greeting him with a most unholy kiss.

The church restores the ritual practice of the kiss in its liturgy. The kiss or sign of peace is first mentioned by Justin Martyr as part of the liturgy in the second century. It was delivered after the Prayer of the Faithful: "When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss." In the 5th century, Pope Innocent repositioned the kiss after the Eucharist. In the 11th century, "the bond of peace and charity" preceded communion. The 1474 Missal utilized the words of the Risen Lord: "Peace be with you." In the documents of Vatican II, Pope Paul VI wanted to make the kiss of peace obligatory rather than optional. Even if we don't exchange so much as a handshake these days, the "kiss" is delivered by exchanging the words: *Peace be with you*.

Scripture: Genesis 27:26-27; 33:4; 45:15; 2 Samuel 20:9; Psalm 85:11; Proverbs 24:26; Sirach 29:5; Mark 14:44-45; Matthew 5:23-24; 26:48-49; Luke 7:38, 45; 15:20; 22:47-48; Acts 20:37; Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14



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Humor Smile, God Loves You

The story is told of a rabbi at one of the larger yeshivas who was famed for his orderly thinking processes and facile wit. One day, during philosophy class, a grinning student asked, "Rabbi, would you rather have five daughters or five thousand dollars?"

"Five daughters," answered the rabbi instantly.

"But that is based on emotion, not cold reason," protested the young student.

"My preference is based on pure logic," the rabbi said evenly. "First, human nature being what it is, if I had five thousand dollars I would undoubtedly want more. As a pious man I cannot condone greed, even in myself. You will agree that this cannot possibly apply to five daughters. Secondly, should I desire to have five thousand dollars it would not happen anyway; simple desire without practical application does not produce money. So why make a fool of myself? Thirdly, young man, I would rather have five daughters because I actually have eight!"



Golf Outing Details

Friday, August 2nd at Aspen Ridge Golf Course, Bradley, IL

Tee Times: 8:00am - 2:30pm

Fee: \$75 Per Person
(Includes golf, cart, food, beer & pop, contests, and prizes.)

<https://www.bishopmac.com/page/jackie-keller-memorial-golf-outing>

Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

Hawaii: Home of a miracle church?! It's a church that was built by the forces of nature.

Maui, Hawaiian Islands, 1860

We continue our endeavors to harvest coral from the reefs, but on account of the difficulty and expense of the labor, our work goes slowly. Today we had to give up the attempt altogether, for the seas ran very high and great clouds rolled over the island.



The priest paused in writing and rubbed his forehead thoughtfully. Would he and his ardent little congregation be able to build the church they had envisioned? Lava rock was easy to come by, but they wanted coral too, and that was almost dangerous to harvest. And now this great storm...

He looked at the shuttered windows, shaking and banging violently with the force of the rain. He could only hope all their work wouldn't be washed away by morning. Thunder shook the ground beneath his hut. He sighed, blew out his lamp, and went to bed.

In the morning, a great commotion from his native helpers disturbed the priest's prayers. He ran outside, expecting to see destruction and havoc.

The Hawaiians rushed toward him, gesturing and exclaiming, broad smiles beaming from their faces. On the beach, close to the site of the new church, was a massive pile of coral rock torn from the reef and cast upon the land by the storm.

Congregation and priest fell upon their knees in thanksgiving—and then they set to work, building their lovely St. Gabriel Church. The day after the church was finished, another immense storm lashed the island. By morning, all the leftover coral had returned to the sea. After that, St. Gabriel (now known as Our Lady of Fatima Shrine) became famous as the Coral Miracle Church.

You may not be spending your summer vacation visiting the Coral Miracle Church and the beautiful Hawaiian islands, but that doesn't mean your summer can't be full of adventures! With our new Miraculous Medal Belt Bags, you'll be ready for anything! Grab your sunglasses, rosary, and phone and keep them handy with this functional and fashionable bag featuring a Miraculous Medal insignia for an extra measure of grace on the go! Perfect gift for busy moms, grandmas who want to keep their hands free, teens and young women, outdoor enthusiasts, and any Catholic who's on the go.

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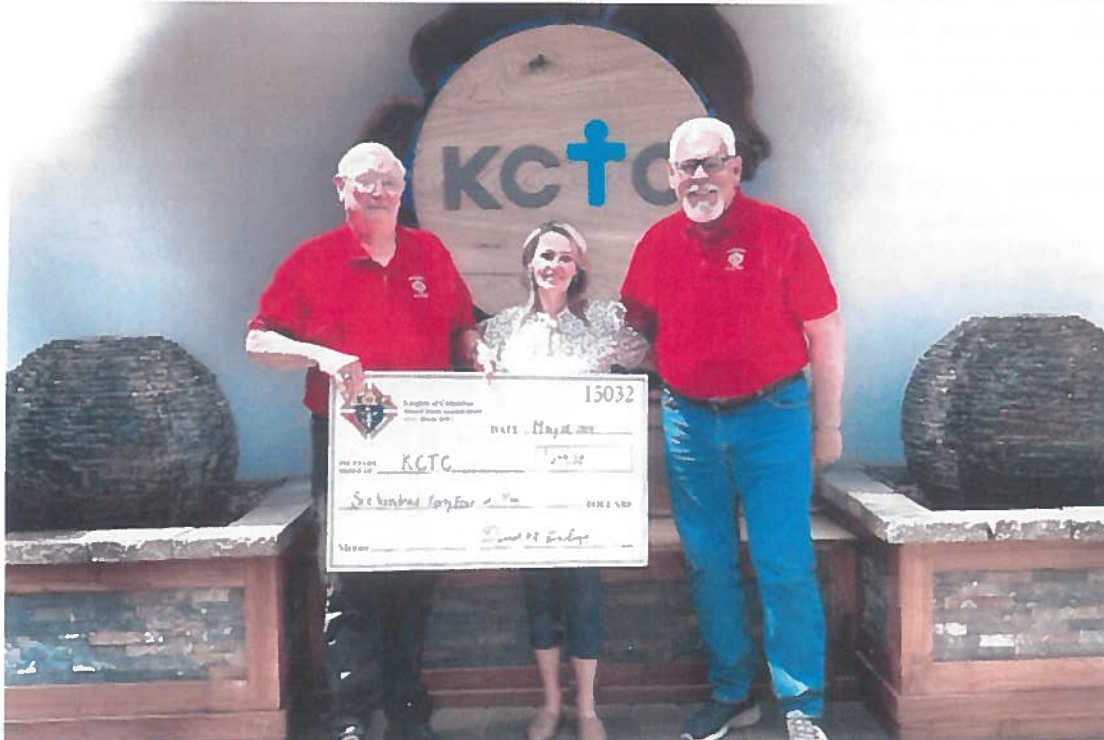


Happy Fourth of July



Knights of Columbus Supporting Our Community

Your Knights of Columbus Council recently distributed the proceeds from their Persons with Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) to two very worthwhile organizations. Shown here are Grand Knight Dave Emling and Persons with Disabilities Drive Coordinator Vic Carlike presenting checks to Herscher High School Best Buddies Program and Kankakee County Training Center. Each organization received \$644.



13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13 | 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 | Mk 5:21-43

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for your steadfast love. Help us always trust in you.

Trust in God's continuing miracles, even when you are not aware.

Word was getting around that Jesus was miraculously healing people of many ailments, including blindness and leprosy; the disabled could walk again, those possessed by demons were being delivered, a hemorrhaging woman was made well again, and He was even raising people from the dead. More and more people with ailments and trust in Jesus followed Him to ask for healing favors. Jesus always showed much love and compassion when He stepped in to heal someone, but He usually told them not to tell anyone afterward. Scripture scholars think this may be because of His humble desire not to become an earthly king and to keep people from thinking He only gave physical healing.

As we delve into the Gospels, we often focus on Jesus' miracle healings. But what about those who hoped for healing and didn't receive it? This doesn't mean their faith was lacking or their requests deemed unworthy. It's a reminder that our faith is not about getting what we want but about trusting in God's plan, even when our prayers go unanswered.

God sent Jesus into the world because He loves us. Jesus is love because He is also God. He

would never push us away because He only wants the best for us and our world. We must be patient and remember that God is omniscient. He sees and knows things we can't comprehend in our human state. He hears our prayers and pleases and answers our prayers in the best way possible, many of which are invisible miracles that take care of everything. We must trust Him. Jesus came to conquer death, which is the devil's work, and Jesus always wins. He repeatedly tells us in Scripture not to be afraid because He is with us. Jesus is a lifesaver for all who believe in Him, and He does not wish death on anyone. Our Savior

brings everlasting and eternal life to all who love and trust Him. The bottom line is that we must remember and follow the First Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Because we know He loves us, we must trust Him

and never be afraid. He is always with us, and He has everything in control because He loves us.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you come to know that God loves you? How do you know that God hears your prayers? What helps you to be patient when the Lord seems slow to answer your prayers?
- † How have you shared your faith in God with those facing serious illness?
- † How has your faith in God helped you in times of grief over the loss of loved ones?
- † How is God continuing to perform miracles today? If you are aware of a miracle in your life, please share.

