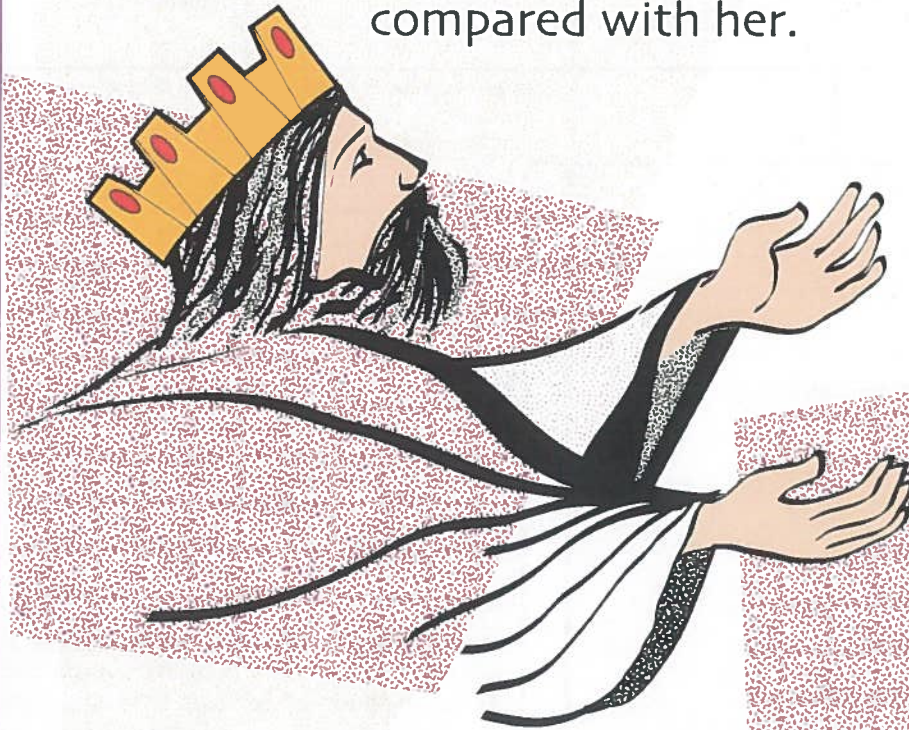


**The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher
St. James the Apostle, Irwin
Sacred Heart, Goodrich**

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12-13, 2024

I prayed,
and prudence was given to me.
I pleaded,
and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne
and deemed riches as nothing
compared with her.



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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: 207 E. 5th Street

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Quotable: "Faith does not force obedience, though it increases responsibility."

—Saint John Henry Newman

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 19-20, 2024

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Oct. 19 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Oct. 20 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Oct. 20 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Oct. 20 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Roger Jensen Gery Wright Bob Schultz	Kyle Ferris David Kirkpatrick	Arlen Hansen Bob Buente Vic Carlile Dennis O'Connor	Youth Mass
Lector	Rob Landeck	Rhonda Berns	Andy Hansen	Youth Mass
Eucharistic Minister				
Servers				Sydney Weldon
Greeters			Greeter—Dallas Ferrris R. Leader—Peerboltes	Youth Mass

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Oct. 14 (SMM)

8:00 am + Tom Lane (Mariann Lane)

Tuesday, Oct. 15 (SH)

8:00 am +Janet Menke (Donna Morrical)

Wednesday, Oct. 16 (SJ)

8:00 am +Cindy Frerichs (Dallas/Joyce Ferris)

Friday, Oct. 18 (SMM)

8:00 am +John Andrzejewski (Pat Gray)

Saturday, Oct. 19 (SMM)

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

Sunday, Oct. 20

7:30 am (SH) +Linda Hubert, Elva McBride, JoAnn Denault, Chris Pristach (The Family)

9:00am (SJ) +Fred Gohlke (Reatta and Family)

+Carl Coy (Steve/Dena Coy)

10:30am (SMM) +Adam Andrzejewski (Terri/Jerry Weakley)

A Look Ahead

Saturday, Oct. 12—Rosary Rally 12:00 pm at SMM

Wed., Oct 16.—Adult Ed Class 7 pm at SMM

Sunday, Oct. 20—Youth Mass at SMM & SJ

Sunday, Oct. 20—Donut Sunday after Mass at SJ

Sunday, Oct. 20—2nd Collection World Mission Sunday

Nov. 10, 11, 12—Tri Parish Mission 7:00 pm

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Collections Week of Oct. 5-6, 2024

St. Margaret Mary—\$2,468

St. James—\$1,995

Sacred Heart—\$726

Thank you for your generosity!

Gospel Shorts— When Everything Isn't Enough

The rich young ruler had everything. Youth, wealth, power, charm, high morals, you name it. Yet within himself, he felt something missing. He asked Jesus for an inventory of his spiritual life. "Good teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus saw only one flaw. He said the young man was too connected to his wealth. In his case he needed to be free of what came between himself and God. Jesus told him to sell what he had, give the money to the poor, and to come and follow him. Having everything wasn't enough.

We may not have a similar problem. Wealth may not be an idol for us. But do we also lack one thing? Do we need to get rid of something in order to truly follow Christ? One thinks of false pride or arrogance or anger or passion for gambling, drinking, bawdy films, etc. Let us consider what we might need to do to truly be disciples of Christ.

RELIEF EFFORT



There will be a second collection (no envelopes) 10/26-27 for hurricane relief... you can go to ccdoc.org and donate on line or you can write a check to Catholic Charities

Diocese of Charlotte and we will send to them, 100% of donation will go to the people struggling to get drinking water and personal hygiene products.

St Margaret Mary Totes



During our whole group time, the students put together little mass totes for kids/families. These are now available in the back of church for families of little ones to use during mass. These will have little children's Bibles, books, coloring, package of wipes, Kleenex etc in them. Please feel free to use these totes during Mass. Just return them to the basket after Mass so they are ready for use the following weekend as well.

The students hope your little ones enjoy them!

Parish News:

St. Margaret Mary—

- ◆ Youth Mass on October 20
- ◆ Boxes of Joy are available. Remember to include your \$9 for mailing.

St. James—

- ◆ Youth Mass on October 20
- ◆ Donut Sunday on Oct. 20 after Mass

Sacred Heart—

- ◆ Boxes of Joy are available. The pamphlets have an envelope for the \$9 to cover postage for one box. If sending more than 1 box, just make out one check to SH CCW. We will be sending one check for all the boxes.

All Parishes—

- ◆ Adult Religious Ed Class—Wednesday, Oct. 16 7pm
- ◆ Please check the ministry calendar as we are adding a Eucharistic Minister at SJ and Sunday at SMM on the weeks Deacon is not present.
- ◆ Tri-Parish Office Hours— Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am—12 pm.

World Mission Sunday 2024
October 20th

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet
(Mt 22:9)

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT

- 38,140 Identification
- 8,750 Evangelization
- 12,000 Family Letters
- 844,000 Liturgies
- 258,540 Religious Orders

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Question of the week

Would my face fall if I were the person in the Gospel with many possessions? What can I do to follow Jesus' command?



Saints of the week: St. Margaret Mary Alacogue (Oct. 16) was healed from a crippling disorder by a vision of the Blessed Virgin, which prompted her to give her life to God. After receiving a vision of Christ fresh from the Scourging, she was moved to join the *Order of the Visitation* at Paray-le-Monial in 1671.

She received a revelation from Our Lord in 1675, which included 12 promises to her and to those who practiced a true devotion to His Sacred Heart, whose crown of thorns represent his sacrifices. The devotion encountered violent opposition, especially in Jansenist areas, but has become widespread and popular.



Obscure Saint of the week: Saint Bertrand of Comminges was the son of a military officer, and his family expected a military life for Bertrand, but he was drawn to religion. He joined the canons of Toulouse, and became an archdeacon and later the bishop of Comminges, France c.1075, a position he served for nearly 50 years. This area is part of the modern diocese of Toulouse. He reformed the clergy, enforced their discipline, and placed the cathedral canons under Augustinian Rule. Bertrand worked in the *Synod of Poitiers* in 1100; this synod excommunicated King Philip I and were stoned by the public for their trouble. He helped preside at the consecration of the cemetery of Saint Mary at Auch where some embittered monks from Saint Orens tried to burn down the church.

Once during a sermon at Val d'Azun, Bertrand was particularly forceful in taking the faithful to task for their sins. A near riot broke out, which Bertrand calmed before serious problems occurred. To make up for the disturbance, the local leaders agreed to provide free butter to Comminges every year during the week after Pentecost, a custom that continued until stopped by the French Revolution nearly 700 years later.

Questions Catholics Ask Where did the breviary come from?

The word *breviary* comes from the same Latin root as *brief*. It implies this book is a shorter version of something else: in this case, the Liturgy of the Hours. The complete Liturgy of the Hours is a prayer form that seeks to extend the praise of our Eucharistic celebration through the rest of the hours outside of Mass. This sanctification of time acknowledges that time is a divine aspect of creation just as space (i.e. the world) is.

Sacred times and places are common in world religions. Dawn, noon, sunset, and night are regarded as particular markers when the texture of time is in transition. Think of how your activities shift at these markers: from sleep to wakefulness, work to home environment, productivity to relaxation, and finally from alertness back to sleep. At these junctures, it's good to consecrate ourselves and our window of time to divine safekeeping.

The original prayerbook in the Jewish tradition is the Psalter, or Book of Psalms. Early Christians took this traditional prayer with them into the practice of the church. They found natural correlations between hours of prayer and central gospel events, including resurrection (dawn), crucifixion (noon), and the Lord's supper (evening). Morning and evening prayers were routinely offered by lay members of the church.

During the rise of monasticism, other readings and prayers were added, making the Hours more formal and ritualized. By the medieval period, psalms and antiphons, lectionary readings and books of lessons, observance of the martyrology, plus hymnody, combined to require a library of volumes to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Needless to say, this made the Hours too ponderous and expensive for the laity to participate, and it became a prayer relegated to clergy and cloister.

Then came the mendicants, those mobile religious orders like Franciscans and Dominicans. Their itinerant lifestyle necessitated a more portable book of prayer, and the breviary was born. This abbreviated version of the Hours wasn't really restored to the average person, however, until Vatican II called for a more accessible form of the breviary to be created. The single-volume book of *Christian Prayer*, or even simpler and slimmer *Shorter Christian Prayer* preserve the flavor of a liturgy adapted to hours, days, and weeks, with seasonal touches and a calendar of saint observances. For those still intimidated by leatherbound books, subscriptions to monthly services like *Give Us This Day* invite us into the spirit of sanctifying our time both morning and evening.

Scripture: Matt. 5:44; 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-8; Acts 2:42; 3:1; 20:36; 21:5-6; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Eph. 6:18



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Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

Which Saints spoke to their Guardian Angels?

Did you know that some saints actually saw and spoke with their guardian angels?



God has given each one of us the incredible gift of our own angel. We rarely see or hear them with our senses, but they are always at our side—encouraging us toward good actions and away from bad ones, assisting us at Mass and prayer, and acting as our battle-buddy in the daily struggle with temptation. They guard us from danger and help us with everyday tasks

Some saints were given the extraordinary privilege of actually *seeing* and *conversing* with their guardian angels.

Padre Pio was in regular communication not only with his own guardian angel, but also with other guardian angels, who informed him when their humans were in need of prayer.

Once, when a spiritual child of Pio's named Cecil was injured in a car accident, Cecil's friend decided to send a telegram to Padre Pio to ask for his prayers. But when this friend went to the telegram desk to send the message, a telegram was given to *him*. Padre Pio already knew about the accident and promised his prayers for Cecil. When later asked how he had known, the good Padre said, "Do you think the angels go as slowly as the planes?"

He said to another of his spiritual children:

Develop the beautiful habit of always thinking of him [your guardian angel]; that near us is a celestial spirit, who, from the cradle to the tomb, does not leave us for an instant, guides us, protects us as a friend, a brother; will always be a consolation to us especially in our saddest moments.

St. Gemma Galgani, a contemporary of Padre Pio, also had a wonderful friendship with her angel. In his biography of her, her spiritual director writes:

The visible presence of her Angel Guardian, with which Gemma was singularly favored by God, was for her one of the most natural experiences. Her Angel used to talk to her as ordinary mortals talk to their friends.

Gemma even gave her angel letters to take to God, Our Lady, her patron saints, and to her spiritual director!

Never forget your guardian angel. He is your Heaven-sent guide through all the paths of your life, ready to help you in all your difficulties, great or small. Entrust your children, grandchildren, and godchildren to their guardian angels—they will be sure protectors over them as they grow!

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Reflection— Bits of Wisdom

Too much love of science and too little science of love afflict modern civilization.

We enhance our personal and social relationships by treating everyone in our lives as if he and she were *what they ought to be ...* thereby helping them become *what they are capable of being*.

"You will never get ahead of anyone as long as you are trying to get even with them."

Good descriptions:

Pessimist Somebody who sees difficulties in the opportunities.

Optimist Somebody who sees opportunities in their difficulties.

The Sunday gospel in everyday English

As he went out into the street, a man came running up, greeted him with great reverence, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?"

Jesus said, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good, only God. You know the commandments: Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't cheat, honor your father and mother."

He said, "Teacher, I have—from my youth—kept them all!"

Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him! He said, "There's one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor. All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me."

The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go.

Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, "Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?" The disciples couldn't believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: "You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom."

That set the disciples back on their heels. "Then who has any chance at all?" they asked.

Jesus was blunt: "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it."

Peter tried another angle: "We left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Mark my words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, land—whatever—because of me and the Message will lose out. They'll get it all back, but multiplied many times in homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—but also in troubles. And then the bonus of eternal life!" (from Mark 10).

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

October 13, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. James Church Hall
4372 Main St., Kankakee (Irwin)



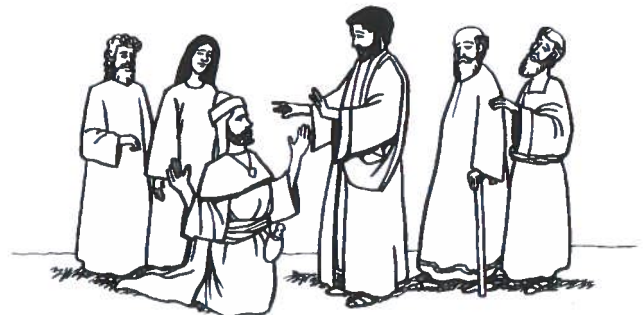
Dessert will be served
Basket raffles
Drawing for 50/50 Raffle

Free will donation

Proceeds benefit donations to local nursing homes/charities, clergy appreciation dinner and supporting seminarians

Sacred Heart Church will soon be selling tickets for their "Fall Cash Bash" which will take place Sat., November 23 from 4p.m. till 8 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets are \$50 a piece and will admit 2 adults with a chance of a 1st Prize of \$1,500 or \$500 2nd Prize. There will be games of Euchre (with a buy in by 5pm) & Black Jack. Basket Raffle, Silent & Live auctions, 50/50's with plenty of food and drinks.

For more info
call Terri 815 514-8171



"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
MARK 10:17



October 13, 2024

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11 | Heb 4:12-13 | Mk 10:17-30

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

All this talk about wisdom in today's readings ... why should we care? Born of a familiarity with the heart of God, wisdom is a virtue that grants us discernment to know right from wrong and to follow God's plan. It is so important to the life of the disciple that it is a gift given to us by the Holy Spirit. In our first reading from – notice – the *Book of Wisdom*, the author, likely expressing the sentiments of King Solomon, praises and esteems wisdom above everything else. Prized over money, health, or beauty, wisdom brings together "all good things." If wisdom is so valuable, we must follow Solomon's lead and seek it. Where do we find wisdom? In the second reading from Hebrews, we learn that we can seek wisdom in the word of God. God's word penetrates "between soul and spirit" and is "able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." Therefore, immersing ourselves in God's word allows us to discern between right and wrong and choose the path most pleasing to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We become familiar with God's word by reading Scripture and by turning to him in prayer. Prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments are living encounters with Jesus through which we get to know the wisdom of his heart. Still, we are faced with many distractions along the way. What distracts us? Like the rich man in our Gospel, are we distracted by wealth? Or does our desire for health or beauty keep us from the wisdom of God? Although countless temptations in our world can draw us away from pursuing God's wisdom, if we remain close to God, we invite him to help us in our weakness. As Jesus assures his disciples in the Gospel, we can be confident in God's help: "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." If we seek him and place our trust in him, our lives will begin to reflect his wisdom and communicate it to the world.

ACT Like Solomon, we, too, can pray for wisdom. Read Scripture prayerfully, asking God to help you understand his Word and grant you the gift of wisdom. When you come across Scripture verses that are especially meaningful to you, write them out and put them in prominent places in your home. This will help you keep God's word ever before you.

Tri-Parish Mission

Sunday, Nov. 10 at St. Margaret Mary

Monday, Nov. 11 at Sacred Heart Tuesday, Nov. 12 at St. James

All sessions begin
at 7:00 pm

MEET THE MAN WHO MAKES TRUST

His plan!



FATHER JIM SICHKO

"60 Minutes for Jesus"

General Themes are Kindness, Trust, and Leadership.
Fr. Jim is a priest of the Diocese of Lexington,
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Each night of the mission is a stand-alone talk.
You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll sing, you'll be inspired!

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