

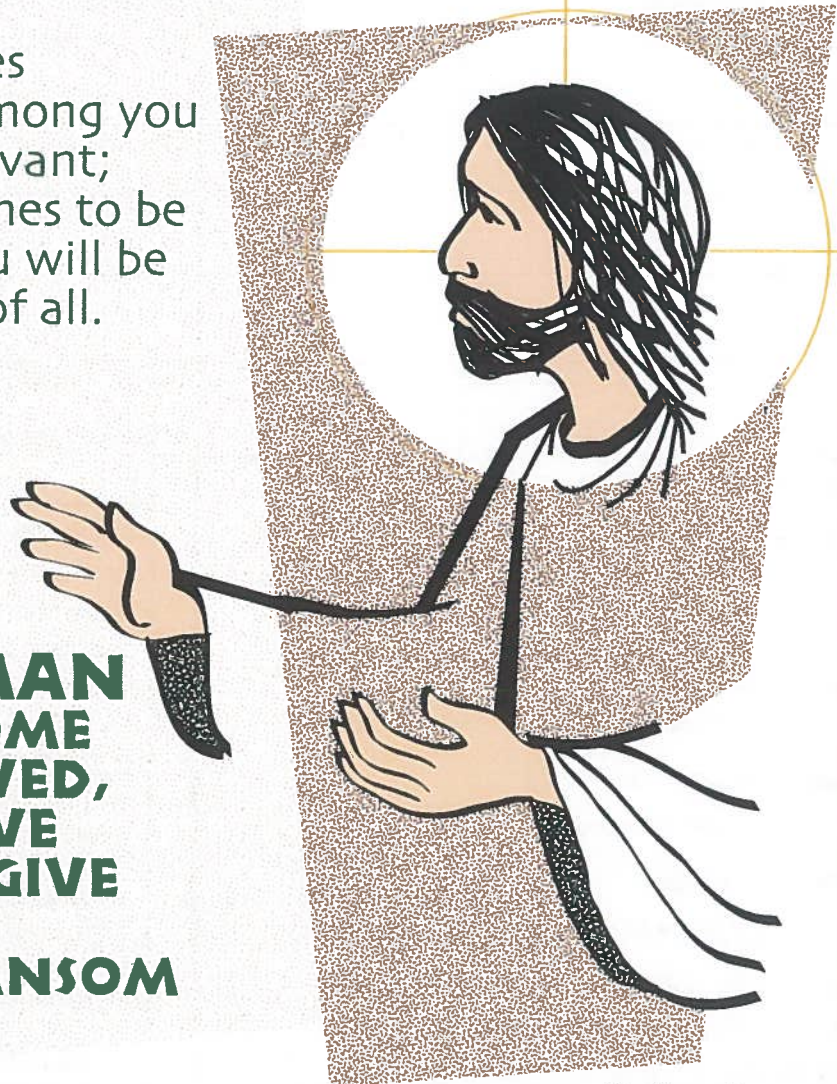
The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
St. Margaret Mary, Herscher  
St. James the Apostle, Irwin  
Sacred Heart, Goodrich

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 19-20, 2024

Whoever wishes  
to be great among you  
will be your servant;  
whoever wishes to be  
first among you will be  
the slave of all.

**FOR THE  
SON OF MAN  
DID NOT COME  
TO BE SERVED,  
BUT TO SERVE  
AND TO GIVE  
HIS LIFE  
AS A RANSOM  
FOR MANY**



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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: "Teach us to give and not count the cost."**

—Saint Ignatius of Loyola

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 26-27, 2024

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Oct. 26 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Oct. 27 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Oct. 27 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Oct. 27 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron	Fr. Ron
Ushers	Todd Datweiler Dan Hoffman Bob Schultz Gery Wright	Daryl Ferris Dennis Pankey	Jeff Martin Jeff Steinke Dallas Ferris Dave Ladehoff	Larry Wolles Jeremy Wolles Kim Smicker Sean Riordan
Lector	Dave Emling	Cindy Gagnon	Carrie Abrassart	Corinn Wheeler
Eucharistic Minister			Mary Peerbolte	Dana Masching
Servers				Caroline Fulton
Greeters			Greeter—Donna Bernicky R. Leader—Kathy Dumas	Julie Splear

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, Oct. 21 (SMM)**

8:00 am + Madeline & Sterling Bouchard (Greg St. Aubin)

**Tuesday, Oct. 22 (SH)**

8:00 am +Deanna Chalkey (Jackie Cross)

**Wednesday, Oct. 23 (SJ)**

8:00 am +Bill O'Connor (Craig/Pam Walker)

**Friday, Oct. 25 (SMM)**

8:00 am +Laura Jensen (Audrey Kyrouac)

**Saturday, Oct. 26 (SMM)**

5:00 pm For All the Parish Family

**Sunday, Oct. 27**

7:30 am (SH) +Paul Muhlstadt (Terri/Jerry Weakley)

+Inez Crawford (Ivan Bruner)

9:00am (SJ) +Laurie Hansen (Thomas/Joyce Parlin)

10:30am (SMM) +Aldine O'Brien (Steve/Donna Jacob)

+Cindy Frerichs (Bonnie Siedentop)

**A Look Ahead**

**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

**Wed., Oct 23**—Adult Ed Class

**Oct. 26-27**—Second Collection Hurricane Relief

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

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Sacred Heart-Marilyn Pfeiffer 815-955-8246 (call or text)

Terri Weakley— 815-514-8171



## Collections Week of Oct. 12-13, 2024

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,357

St. James—\$1,825

Sacred Heart—\$1,243

Thank you for your generosity!

### Gospel Shorts— Dying for Greatness

In the first part of the Gospel passage, James and John ask that Jesus assure them a place of honor and prestige in the 'kingdom' he is going to bring about. Their question reveals that they have a very limited and partial understanding of Jesus' mission as well as a lust for earthly power and glory. This request by James and John provides Jesus an opportunity to once again predict his suffering and death as well as the demands of discipleship.

The second part of the passage describes how the other ten disciples become angry with James and John; they are angry because they are envious that James and John requested a special place in God's kingdom before they had a chance. This whole passage reveals the very human temptations with which all of us struggle: pride, envy, lust, greed, etc. The second part of the Scripture passage ends with Jesus revealing that the secret to real glory and honor is found through self-sacrificing service. In short, a person must die to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to the winner of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary 50/50 raffle: Kane O'Connor. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and for your support.

### RELIEF EFFORT



There will be a second collection (no envelopes) 10/26-27 for hurricane relief... you can go to [ccdpc.org](http://ccdpc.org) and donate on line or you can write a check to the parish and we will send one check. 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

### Parish News:

#### St. Margaret Mary—

- ◆ Youth Mass on October 20
- ◆ Boxes of Joy are available. Remember to include your \$9 for mailing. If you use the qr code to pay your \$9 for shipping, please contact the office to let us know. Remember boxes are due back on Nov. 3.

#### St. James—

- ◆ *The Pumpkin Sale was a huge success-over \$600 was raised for the St. James CCW. Thank you so much for your generous support*
- ◆ 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. 23 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

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### Question of the week

Looking at my life right now, how is Jesus summoning me? How can I be of service in my family, my parish, my community?

**Saint of the week: St. John of Capistrano (Oct. 20)** was the son of a German knight. His father died when John was still young. The young man studied law at the University of Perugia and worked as a lawyer in Naples, Italy. John became a reforming governor of Perugia under King Landislas of Naples. When war broke out between Perugia and the House of Malatesta from Rimini, Italy in 1416, John tried to broker a peace, but when the opponents ignored the truce, John became a prisoner of war.



During his imprisonment, John came to the decision to change vocations. He had married just before the war, but the marriage was never consummated, and with his bride's permission, it was annulled. He joined the Franciscans at Perugia on October 4, 1416. A fellow student with Saint James of the Marches and a disciple of Saint Bernadine of Siena. John was a noted preacher while still a deacon, beginning his work in 1420. He became an itinerant priest throughout Italy, Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Hungary, Poland, and Russia, preaching to tens of thousands. He established communities of Franciscan renewal. John was reported to heal by making the Sign of the Cross over a sick person. He wrote extensively, mainly against the heresies of the day.

After the fall of Constantinople, he preached a Crusade against the Muslim Turks. At age 70, he was commissioned by Pope Callistus II to lead it and marched off at the head of 70,000 Christian soldiers. He won the great battle of Belgrade in the summer of 1456. He died in the field a few months later, but his army delivered Europe from the Muslims.



**Obscure saint of the week: St. Allucio of Campugliano (Oct. 20)** was the son of Omodeo, a rancher, Allucio was a shepherd in Pescia, Tuscany, Italy. He became the director of the alms-house in Valdi Nievole, Italy. Allucio built shelters for travelers in mountain passes and river crossings. His work attracted other people who became the core of the future *Brothers of Saint Allucio*. Allucio was known as a miracle worker and as a peace maker, ending the war between the Italian city states of Ravenna and Faenza.

### The Sunday gospel in everyday English

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came up to him. "Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us."

"What is it? I'll see what I can do."

"Arrange it," they said, "so that we will be awarded the highest places of honor in your glory—one of us at your right, the other at your left."

Jesus said, "You have no idea what you're asking. Are you capable of drinking the cup I drink, of being baptized in the Baptism I'm about to be plunged into?"

"Sure," they said. "Why not?"

Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you will drink the cup I drink, and be baptized in my Baptism. But as to awarding places of honor, that's not my business. There are other arrangements for that."

When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage (*from Mark 10*).

### First Saturday Devotion

St. Joseph Church in Manteno is hosting First Saturday Devotions. There is a brochure in the back of each church explaining the "Why" behind this devotion and how to go about participating. The church is located at 175 S Main Street in Manteno. Please pick up a brochure for more information





Parishioners from all three parishes participated in the Oct. 12th Rosary Rally held at St. Margaret Mary .

**Reflection—**

God hear me....  
 I ain't what I want to be,  
 I ain't what I ought to be,  
 I ain't what I'm gonna be,  
 But OH! Thank You, GOD,  
 I ain't what I used to be!

**Chuckles...**

Little nine-year-old Joey came home one day and asked his mother where he came from. She told him to wait until his father came home.  
 When her husband came in, he sat down and explained to Joey in carefully chosen words, exactly how a woman gets pregnant. After he finished, the father asked his son why he had wanted to know. Joey said, "The kid who just moved in next door told me he came from New York. So I wanted to know where I came from."

**The Power of Belief—**

Faith is not simply an intellectual assent to Christian dogma. Taken in a much richer sense faith involves a belief in God that arouses us to action, that fills us with a lived conviction that the universe is permeated with a redeeming love. God did not create men and women as automated robots or helpless puppets but enabled them somehow to shape their own destiny within the innumerable possibilities created by his divine love.  
 Such a faith gives meaning to human love — and to life itself.



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 and Bunco (with a buy in by 5pm) & Black Jack. The evening will include basket raffles, silent & live auctions, 50/50's and plenty of food and drinks.

For more info call Terri 815 514-8171



## Questions Catholics Ask

### What's a tertiary?

My older sister is a Third Order Carmelite. She's also married, a mother of four children, and a pharmacist. Obviously she's not a nun or religious sister, but if not, then what is she?

Many of us learn from friends that they've joined third orders or otherwise describe themselves as tertiaries. Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines, Carmelites, and other religious communities extend their identity to lay people in a "third way" that doesn't include clerical status nor communal living in a religious house. The tertiary designation is a secular association that even has official recognition in canon law: "Third Orders - Associations whose members lead an apostolic life and strive for Christian perfection while living in the world and who share the spirit of some religious institute under the higher direction of that same institute are called third orders or some other appropriate name." (CCC #303)

Third orders aren't the only kind of lay associations mentioned in church law. The earlier Code of Canon Law from 1917 recognized lay confraternities (like the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) and pious unions (think St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus) (see old CIC #700). The distinction between confraternities and pious unions isn't about purpose so much as ecclesial establishment and oversight. Current canon law only formally recognizes tertiary groups while noting the right of other private and public lay associations to form. Needless to say, not every group formed by a Catholic can utilize the name Catholic without competent ecclesial authority. (Heaven knows how the "brand" might be extended otherwise.)

Tertiaries get the nod of approval precisely because of their deep connection to long-established communities with full canonical oversight. The traditional "first orders" were male religious, not necessarily ordained. "Second orders" were composed of women religious. Any layperson who chose to share in the spirit of these communities without taking vows were called oblates by the Benedictines, and third orders by Francis of Assisi.

Today, tertiaries are divided into two categories: secular third orders and regular members. Seculars are like my sister, who lives a relatively normal life while participating in the prayer life and values of her chosen affiliation. She wears a scapular to remind her of her promises, and when she dies, she may choose to be buried in the habit worn by her group. Regular third order members take simple vows as well as following the rule of their community. If a religious community feels resonant for you, inquire about the possibility of associate status.



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**LIVE ★ WITH ★ PURPOSE**

There are two different opportunities for you to place a wreath on a Veteran's grave for the holidays. One is for a gravesite at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and the other is for veterans that are buried in local cemeteries. The information for both opportunities is below. Thank you in advance for showing support for our veterans.

Wreaths Across America is a yearly campaign to have a wreath placed on every gravesite at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. The cost is \$17 to sponsor a wreath. For more information, call Debbie at 815-953-6492. There are forms in the entrance of all three parishes. These wreaths will be placed on the gravesites on December 14. You may designate a particular grave or just sponsor a wreath for a grave that does not have a sponsor. For ordering wreaths online, follow this link- <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16036/Overview/?relatedId=167754> or go to Facebook—Wreaths Across America Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

Anyone interested in sponsoring a wreath for our parish veterans at St. Peter and Paul cemetery may do so by contacting Lori ([lmtders@hotmail.com](mailto:lmtders@hotmail.com), or 815-955-3375) or by using this website <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/172360/Overview>. You may also sponsor a wreath at any of the other local cemeteries with the same contact info above. Also, we will be seeking volunteers to lay the wreaths on December 14. Ceremony at the Legion at 11AM and placing wreaths immediately following.



October 20, 2024

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Our world lays down rules for greatness: wealth, accomplishment in the performing arts, beauty, business acumen. Hmm. I don't recall hearing any of these attributes in the Scripture passages today. What I do remember is Jesus saying that whatever authority the disciples exercise must be rendered as service rather than for personal gain: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." Jesus, as we heard in the second reading, can "sympathize with our weaknesses" and understands that, as humans, we may be tempted to seek power and authority. And yet Jesus calls us to service. Does our service have to be something spectacular that the world would deem "great"? I believe that God's grace allows us to embrace the role of Christian servant in whatever way is most fitting for us, and that makes it great in God's eyes.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

On earth, we are told again and again the most powerful people are the toughest. Strength is measured by prestige and how many people serve you. Weakness will get you crushed. Jesus turns this message inside out and reminds us we must find strength in our weakness and use that strength to serve other people. Of course, being a servant to others may involve self-sacrifice and foregoing worldly cares and aspirations. But the more we take care of others, the happier we will be. Let us ask God to lift us up when we feel weak. As we heard in the second reading: "Confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." Continuing the work of Jesus here on earth can transform our corner of the world.

**WITNESS** This week, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family to help people in need. Prepare food for a soup kitchen, do yard work tasks for an elderly or ill neighbor, sign up to take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners in your parish, or offer tutoring services through a local school or library. Bring the gift of Jesus to others through your family's service. God wants us to use the gifts he gave us to care for others and create his kingdom here on earth.



# Tri-Parish Mission

All sessions begin  
at 7:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 10 at St. Margaret Mary

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

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