

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17-18, 2026

The Pharisees
asked Jesus,
"Teacher, tell us,
is it lawful
to pay tax
to Caesar or not?"

And Jesus said to them
**Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar**



**and to GOD what
belongs to GOD**

Among all
peoples, give
the LORD
glory and
honor.

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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—4:45pm
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Quotable - "The reference to Caesar's image engraved on the coin ... makes them think about the other image that is imprinted on every man and woman: the image of God. He is the Lord of all, and we, who were created 'in his image' belong to Him first and foremost [W]e can and must live our life in recognition of this fundamental belonging and in heartfelt gratitude."

—Pope Francis, October 22, 2017

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24-25, 2026

Liturgical Schedule	St. Margaret Mary Saturday, Oct. 24 5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Sunday, Oct. 25 7:30 am	St. James Sunday, Oct. 25 9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary Sunday, Oct. 25 10:30 am
Celebrant	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Father Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron	Fr. Ron Deacon Ron
Ushers	Dave Emling Todd Datweiler Gery Wright Roger Jensen	Dennis Pankey James Mallaney	Youth Mass	Youth Mass
Lector	Dave Emling	Cindy Gagnon	Youth Mass	Youth Mass
Eucharistic				
Servers				Avery Adams
Greeters			Greeter—Youth Mass R. Leader—Rita Thiesen	Youth Mass

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Oct. 19 (SMM)

8:00 am +Bob Warhurst (Jackie Eberle)

Tuesday, Oct. 20 (SH)

8:00 am + Inez Crawford (Robert/Zandra Cross)

Wednesday, Oct. 21 (SJ)

+ Bill O'Connor (Craig/Pamela Wallcer)

Friday, Oct. 23 (SMM)

8:00am +Jerome Schneider (Therese Phillips)

Saturday, Oct. 24 (SMM)

5:00 pm +For All the Parish Family

Sunday, Oct. 25

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

9:00 am (SJ) +Darlene Bertrand (Gene & family)

10:30 am (SMM) +Marlow & Sheryl Zehr (Wayne/Julie Bisailon)
+Marie Duval (Norm/Sharon Riordan)

Looking Ahead

Weekend of October 17-18—Second Collection

World Mission Sunday

Wednesday, Oct. 21—Adult Ed Class at 6 pm at SMM

Oct. 31/Nov. 1—Boxes of Joy due back at church

Monday, Nov. 2—All Souls' Day Mass 7pm at SH

November 9, 10, 11—TriParish Mission

Thursday, Nov. 12—SH CCW meeting at 6:30

Monday, Nov. 16—SMM CCW meeting

Monday, Nov. 26—Knights of Columbus at SJ 7:00pm

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Question of the week

This week ahead, how will I repay to God what belongs to God?

Collections Weekend of Oct. 10-11, 2026

St. Margaret Mary—\$1,826

St. James—\$ 1,818

Sacred Heart— \$1,420

Thank you for your generosity!



The annual Council of Churches Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Margaret Mary on Sunday, November 22 at 7pm. This is a fundraiser for the needy of our community. The Council of Churches provides food baskets, money for meals on Wheels, and other help throughout our community.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for desserts for a social time after the service.

Gospel Shorts An Image To Live By

The Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus to day in the question they present. Jesus' response to his less than sincere questioners is straight-forward and direct: "give to Caesar's what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." Jesus' bold, simple response not only exposes the hypocrisy of his questioners but also reveals a fundamental truth about ourselves.

The world presents many images after which we can model our lives. However as Christians we have already been gifted with an image; We have been created in the image and likeness of our God who is love. It is through living out this identity as a son and daughter of God, reflecting who we really are called to be and become for others, do we find true fulfillment and peace.

Reflection The Soul You Have Placed In Me

My God, the soul you have placed in me is pure. You are who created it, you formed it, you blew it into me, you guard it within me, you will take it from me, and return it to me, in time-to-be.

All that time the soul is within me I give thanks before thee, O Lord my God and God of my fathers, Master of all made things, Lord of all the souls.

St. James Fall Donations

We are partnering with Georgie's Closet in Bradley for our fall donations this year. They are looking for NEW underwear in all sizes (kids-adults), diapers and pull-ups (all sizes) and baby wipes. NEW blankets and bath towels will also be accepted.

Donations can be left by the display in the hall through mid-November.



Parish News:

⇒ All Parishes—

⇒ Consider joining the Tri Parish Prayer Group which meets each Monday at 7 pm at St James church.

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

St. Margaret Mary-

⇒ See Boxes of Joy on pg. 6

⇒ It's once again time for our "Bakeless" Bake sale! Please help us to help others, your donations make it possible for us to buy gifts for the elderly at Christmas who otherwise would not receive a gift, we help fund the Pregnancy Resource Center, Allam Charitable, Boxes of Joy, Harbor House and Fortitude. Please help out if you are able. You can drop an envelope in the collection basket marked SMM CCW.

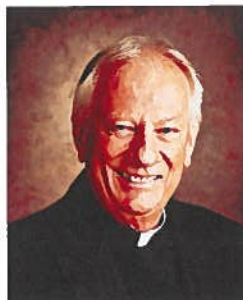
St. James-

⇒ All are invited to Donut Sunday on Sunday, October 18th following 9 am mass. We're excited to see everyone there

⇒ Boxes of Joy need to be turned in by Sunday, October 25th. The \$9 mailing fee can be either cash or a check made out to St. James CCW (we'll send in one check for all boxes donated). Thank you to everyone who participated

Sacred Heart—

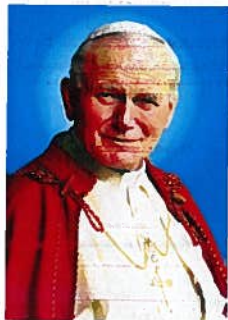
⇒ Tickets for the Sacred Heart Cash Bash on November 21 are now on sale. One \$50 ticket admits two adults. You may purchase them after Mass on Sunday.



Have you marked your calendar for Nov. 9-11? Our parish mission is quickly approaching. Rev. Robert Gielow, CM will be presenting.



Please keep Pope Leo XIV in your prayers.



Saint of the week: St. John Paul II (Oct. 22) For many years Karol believed God was calling him to the priesthood, and after surviving two nearly fatal accidents, he responded to the call. He studied secretly during the German occupation of Poland and was ordained on November 1, 1946. In these years he came to know and practice the teachings of Saint Louis Marie Montfort and Saint John of the Cross. He earned his Doctorate in theology in 1948 at the Angelicum in Rome, Italy.

He was a parish priest in the Krakow diocese from 1948 to 1951. Karol studied philosophy at the Jagiellonian University at Krakow. He taught social ethics at the Krakow Seminary from 1952 to 1958. In 1956 he became a professor at the University of Lublin. Venerable Pope Pius XII appointed Wojtyla an auxiliary bishop in Krakow on July 4, 1958. Saint Pope Paul VI appointed him Archbishop of Krakow on December 30, 1963.

Wojtyla proved himself a noble and trustworthy pastor in the face of Communist persecution. A member of the preparatory commission, he attended all four sessions of Vatican II. He is said to have written *Gaudium et spes*, the document on the *Church in the Modern World*. He also played a prominent role in the formulation of the *Declaration on Religious Freedom*. Following the Council, Pope Paul VI, appointed Karol Wojtyla cardinal on June 26, 1967.

In 1960 he published *Love and Responsibility*. Pope Paul VI, delighted with its apologetical defense of the traditional Catholic teaching of marriage, relied extensively on Archbishop Wojtyla's counsel in writing *Humanae Vitae*. In 1976 he was invited by Pope Paul VI to preach the *Lenten* sermons to the members of the Papal Household.

In 1978, Archbishop Wojtyla became the first non-Italian pope since Adrian VI. He took the name of his predecessors (John, Paul, John Paul) to emphasize his desire to continue the reforms of Vatican II.

John Paul II is the most traveled pope in history, having visited nearly every country in the world which would receive him. As the Vicar of Christ, he has consecrated each place that he has visited to the Blessed Virgin Mary. On May 13, 1983, he went to Fatima to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He later repeated the consecration of the world to Mary in union with all the Bishops of the Catholic Church, in fulfillment of Our Lady's promises at Fatima.

In 1995, Pope John Paul II began a lengthy catechesis on the Blessed Virgin Mary during his weekly Angelus addresses, culminating with his instruction on Our Lady's active participation in the Sacrifice of Calvary. This active participation of Our Lady at Calvary is called The Co-Redemption. Already in 1982 and 1985 he had used the term "corredemptrix" in reference to Our Lady in public addresses. This is significant, for he is the first Pope to do so since Pope Benedict XV at whose prayer Our Lady came to Fatima to reveal Her Immaculate Heart. Since the time of Pope Benedict XV, this terminology was under review by the Holy See; the present Pope's usage is a confirmation of this traditional view of Mary's role in salvation history.



Obscure saint of the week: St. Benedict of Macerac (Oct. 22) became a monk and later elected abbot at Petras. He went on to become a hermit at Macerac, diocese of Nantes, France. His holiness and wisdom attracted so many spiritual students that he founded a Columban monastery for them.

The Sunday Gospel in Everyday English

That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece.

"This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?"

They said, "Caesar."

"Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his" (from *Matthew 22*).

A Stewardship Moment

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of October 17/18, 2026

Jesus offers us a profound teaching on stewardship in this weekend's reading: What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel

Questions Catholics Ask

Where in the Bible does it say Jesus' birthday is December 25th?

You won't find a biblical text verifying the date of the birth of Jesus. December 25th has a 1-in-365 chance of being the historical date. It's simply the liturgical date the church settled on to celebrate Incarnation, the mystery of God-made-flesh, officially called the Nativity. We have no idea what time of year Jesus was born. There are debates about what the actual year may have been. Because of calendar anomalies like leap years and other early errors made in the Gregorian calculations that established the Western calendar, the year Zero isn't an accurate starting point for the life of Jesus. Scholarly speculations generally include a range between what we call 7 B.C. to 4 B.C.

December 25th wasn't immediately selected for the celebration of the Nativity. Early Christian observances had strong Jewish roots. For example, they utilized the Jewish calendar in Sabbath observance, shifting allegiance early from the last day of the week to the first to honor the resurrection day. The original Christian feast was therefore Sunday, when Eucharist was celebrated. Easter became the first annual Christian liturgical season to be put in place universally, fixed as it was to the Jewish observance of Passover. It soon grew to a constellation of before-and-after observances, including an entire preparatory season (Lent).

As the church expanded into the Hellenistic world, feast days were added, typically wedded to whatever local civil calendars were in operation at the time. The Nativity was the second universally popular observance, developing its own preparatory season (Advent), but the length of the season varied and even the date wasn't uniform. The Western Church chose December 25th to coordinate with the already popular secular celebration of the Winter Solstice, when days began to lengthen with the sun's annual return and winter darkness was conquered by light. The solstice made a useful pairing and natural catechetical tool in declaring the arrival of Jesus, the light of the world, vanquishing the darkness of sin and death.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Church celebrated the Nativity on January 6th, now the feast of Epiphany in the Western Church. These dates were never intended to imply historical accuracy, but rather a theological reality to be recalled and honored. The liturgical calendar focuses on uniting the universal church in commemorating the birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus as cosmic realities, not past occurrences.

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1; John 1:3-5, 9; 3:19-21; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46







Fit & Sit

Stay active while you sit!

This seated exercise class for older adults includes a gentle warm-up, aerobic exercise and cool-down.

Exercises are designed to help improve strength, flexibility, balance and circulation without putting too much strain on the body.

The class is a great option for older adults with arthritis, limited mobility or chronic health conditions.

Tuesday Mornings
November 24th, 2026 through
May 18th, 2027
10:30am - 11:30am
St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
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St. Margaret Mary service project is still underway!

We have two ways to participate—bringing items in person to church or shopping through the Amazon Wish List.

Items to Collect:

~Pull-on adult diapers/incontinence underwear, sizes L-3XL *Please choose pull-on styles rather than tabbed briefs.*

~Disposable bed pads (chux/chuck pads)

Please bring in only new, unopened packages. Thank you for your help and support. The last day for donations is Oct 18.



UNDY SUNDAY AMAZON WISH LIST



Catholic Snacks, Get Fed

DO YOU MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS TOO QUICKLY?

You probably make the Sign of the Cross every day. Here are three things you may not know about one of the oldest Catholic prayers.

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Most Catholics have said those words thousands of times. We make the Sign of the Cross before Mass, before meals, when we pray, and perhaps many other times throughout the day. But because we do it so often, it can become almost automatic.

Here are three things to remember the next time you "cross yourself":

1. The Sign of the Cross is a sacramental.

The Catechism describes sacramentals as sacred signs instituted by the Church that help prepare us to receive grace and sanctify the circumstances of our lives (CCC 1667). Holy water, blessed medals, crucifixes, and rosaries can all be sacramentals. So can the Sign of the Cross!

2. It is a prayer all by itself.

We aren't simply making the shape of a cross. As we say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," we invoke the Holy Trinity while tracing the instrument of Christ's sacrifice over our bodies. Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski, former chaplain at West Point, in the Good Catholic series [Spiritual Warfare](#), encourages us to make the Sign of the Cross SLOWLY and to say it with intention

3. The earliest Christians did it throughout the day.

Around the beginning of the third century, Tertullian described Christians tracing the cross during the ordinary activities of life: when coming and going, getting dressed, sitting down to eat, and even going to bed.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem later encouraged Christians to make the cross boldly over the bread they ate and the cups they drank, when leaving and returning home, before sleeping, upon waking, while traveling, and while resting.

In other words, the Sign of the Cross wasn't reserved for church.

It's one of the shortest prayers we know, and probably one of the prayers we say most often. But we shouldn't rush through words that invoke the Holy Trinity and recall the Cross of Christ.

LET US NOT BE ASHAMED TO CONFESS THE CRUCIFIED

St. Cyril urged Christians to make the Sign of the Cross boldly throughout their day. This simple gesture is both a prayer and a visible profession of our faith in Christ.

Reflection

Do Not Support Violence

Violence is a lie, for it goes against the truth of our faith, the truth of our humanity. Violence destroys what it claims to defend: the dignity, the life, the freedom of human beings. Violence is a crime against humanity, for it destroys the very fabric of society ... To all of you who are listening I say: Do not believe in violence; do not support violence. It is not the Christian way. It is not the way of the church. Believe in peace and forgiveness and love, for they are of Christ.



Boxes of Joy time is upon us once again!

The boxes are available for pickup in the entrances of the churches. (if not yet, they will be soon) Each CCW would like the

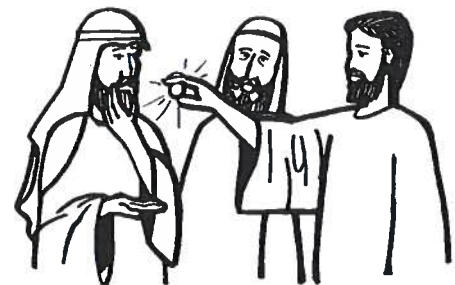
boxes returned to church by the Oct. 31/Nov. 1 weekend.

There is a list of suggestions for filling the boxes. Please include a check for \$9 to pay for postage for each box you turn in. The checks should be made out to your CCW and then one check will be written out for each parish's postage.

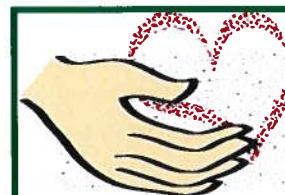
Sacred Heart's Kids Helping Vets Fundraiser



The fundraising project this year is Kids Helping Vets for "K9s for Vets". The kids decorated this jug which will be at the back of the church during this school year for those who would like to donate their loose change. We will also be having other fundraisers during the school year. Thank you for helping raise money for this worthwhile cause!



**WHOSE IMAGE IS THIS
AND WHOSE INSCRIPTION?**
MT. 22:20



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October 18, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

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

A mentor once told me that there is no sweeter sound than that of one's own name. It communicates that one is seen, known, and cared for. We read in Isaiah today that God has chosen Cyrus and has called him by name. In the Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul and his followers "give thanks to God always" for all in the community, knowing that each brother and sister is "loved by God" and "chosen." And although these words are written about Cyrus and the Thessalonians, we trust that God speaks these words to us as well. We have each been chosen. Our Father calls each of us by name. It is sometimes difficult to believe that God desires *me* and chooses *me* individually. It is a love that I often fail to reciprocate, despite my desire to do so. But that does not diminish the love God has for me. I am not lost in the crowd of history and humanity. Each of us was created with love and rejoiced over by our heavenly Father.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus is asked in today's Gospel about the taxes due to Caesar, he does not falter with his response. We must live the truth of our faith in the world, but ultimately, what the world asks of us is not the same as what our Creator desires. Taxes are paid out of obligation, but God asks for our love. In using the talents God has given us in caring for our brothers and sisters, we acknowledge the fullness of the majesty and wonder of our Creator. We do not have to isolate ourselves from this world, but we must remember that we were not created for this world. We have already been chosen and claimed by our loving Father. And it is to him that we offer the gift of our heart, which is infinitely more valuable than coins.

REFLECT

In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ also says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (6:21) In light of today's Gospel, we must also consider whether our participation in society in any way prevents us from offering ourselves totally to God. Spend some time reflecting on what it is that you truly treasure. Do you reserve the offering of your heart for God? Or are you giving to the world what should be reserved for God?

SPIRITUALITY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15d, 16a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matt 22:15-21; L145A

The Pharisees went off
and plotted how they might
entrap Jesus in speech.
They sent their disciples to
him, with the Herodians,
saying,
"Teacher, we know that you
are a truthful man
and that you teach the way
of God in accordance
with the truth.
And you are not concerned
with anyone's opinion,
for you do not regard a person's
status.
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to
Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
"Why are you testing me, you
hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census
tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this
and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs
to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."



Reflecting on the Gospel

In today's gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians, who pose the question to Jesus about paying tax to Caesar, are not seeking guidance about a difficult moral decision. They're trying to trap Jesus with a sticky question that has no easy solution. Since the Roman occupation of Palestine in 63 BCE, Jews were obliged to a census tax, or head tax, on each man, woman, and slave. The amount was one denarius (one day's pay) per year, and was to be paid with

Roman coins, which in Jesus's day bore the image of the emperor Tiberius, who reigned from 14 to 37 CE.

The attitudes of Jesus's fellow Jews toward the Romans varied as did their strategies for resistance to the occupiers. Some resigned themselves to paying their taxes in order to live in peace. Some paid the tax because they regarded the Romans as representing God's authority. Some "kissed up" to the powerful Romans by openly advocating paying the tax. Some would have said that they should pay nothing to Caesar because everything belongs to God (Lev 25:23). Some would have opposed any collusion with Rome. There were those who harbored strong nationalist sentiments and fomented armed revolt against the occupying powers.

The ancient historian Josephus tells of several

first-century revolutionary leaders who led unsuccessful tax revolts.

In asking Jesus to take a stand on this thorny question, the Pharisees hope to discredit him. If he supports paying the tax, then he would be seen as cooperating with the enemy, and his credibility as a prophet who preaches God's ways as opposed to Caesar's imperial ways is compromised. If he replies that the tax ought to not be paid, then he places himself at risk vis-à-vis the Romans.

Jesus finds a clever way through these two opposite choices: one should give the coins back to Caesar, since they belong to him. He then turns the focus toward "what belongs to God," which, for believers, is everything. Thus, Jesus relativizes the authority of the emperor by emphasizing God's ultimate sovereignty over all. This clever answer leaves Jesus's opponents astounded. They have no response and they depart to await another opportunity to ensnare him.

In the gospel, Jesus's interlocutors are not asking a sincere question; they are intent on undoing him. Nonetheless, the text can be an aid for contemporary Christians who genuinely seek to discern how they will relate to a government that takes actions or enacts laws that they oppose on moral grounds.

Should one withhold paying taxes, for example, such as some Christians, like Raymond Hunthausen (former archbishop of Seattle, 1975-91), have done to express their opposition to the stockpiling of nuclear weapons? Should one refuse to pay federal income tax as a way to protest war, as Dorothy Day did? Or should one pay taxes, but diligently lobby, vote, and participate in nonviolent protests as ways to communicate an oppositional stance?

Jesus's single-mindedness about the reign of God and his cleverness in turning a verbal duel into an invitation to become more deeply centered on the Holy One can help us discern our responses in our day.



ST. MARGARET MARY

PRESENTS:

Reverse

TRICK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 2026



THE KIDS OF ST. MARGARET MARY WILL BE REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREATING ON THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25: DRESSING UP IN COSTUME AND BRINGING TREATS TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE VILLAS OF HERSCHER AND THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE NOT OFTEN ABLE TO GET OUT OF THEIR HOMES.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE A REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREAT VISIT, PLEASE CONTACT:

ST. MARGARET MARY OFFICE AT 815-426-2550 OR

E-MAIL [JFULTON.STMM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:jfulton.stmm@gmail.com)

BY OCTOBER 23.

WE WILL NEED THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND SOME FAVORITE TREATS OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE WILL BE REVERSE TRICK OR TREATING!

St. MM CCW is inviting you to a soup and sandwich lunch after 10:30 mass on Sunday, October 25.

St. Margaret Mary religious education kids are collecting for *Kids helping Vets*, this year's service project. More about the cause is below. Let's join together for food and fellowship as we also support a good cause

Kids helping Vets

ABOUT K9S FOR VETERANS, NFP

K9s for Veterans mission is to help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder transition back to civilian life once their military service has ended with the help of trained service dogs. We are committed to educating the public about the plight of veterans with PTSD and streamlining the process for them to get service dogs, so they get the help they need... Before it's too late.

K9 provides free food and basic medical care for the life of the service dog. The lifesaving efforts of K9s for Veterans are doubled by the exclusive use of rescue dogs from kill shelters to train as service dogs for our veterans. This approach truly epitomizes the question of "who rescued who". Our duty is to be honest and thoughtful stewards of the funds our donors entrust us with so we can maximize their generosity and the number of veterans that benefit from it. Together, we can make a difference for these struggling heroes and the dogs who devote their lives to them.