

The Catholic Community will celebrate the Eucharist as follows:

- (SJ) identifies St. Joseph Church
- (SL) identifies St. Lawrence Church
- (SM) identifies St. Mary Church
- (SLAC) identifies St. Lawrence Activity Center

**Monday, June 18**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Carol Hill (Women's Choir)

**Tuesday, June 19**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Connie Brankel (Tom Brankel)

**Wednesday, June 20**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Andy Gagai (Tom & Mary Smith)  
 (SJ) For the terminally ill, the healing and strengthening of cancer patients and families

6:00 p.m. (SJ) Andy Gagai (John, Sheila & family)

**Thursday, June 21**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Intentions of Aggie Taylor & family (Connie Heighton)

**Friday, June 22**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Patsy & Steve Long (Connie Heighton)

**Saturday, June 23**

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Bob Ford (Sue Keeney)  
 5:15 p.m. (SJ) George Sisler (Lisa Johnson & family)

**Sunday, June 24**

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Milton Dietrich (15th Anniv.) (Mike Dietrich)  
**11:00 a.m.** (SL) Mary Alyce Bodmer (Denise, Wesley, Lynsey & Michael)  
 7:00 p.m. (SM) Members of the Community (Pastor)



**THOUGHT TO DISCUSS ON THE WAY HOME**

**Sunday, June 17 (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- Paul reminds us to look forward to eternal life with God after we die. How can this reminder change the way I live today?

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, June 24, 2018**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Lectionary Number: 95B

**Readings:** Job 38:8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

**PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE (Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church!)**

06/17 Fr. Tom Nau (Ordained 40 years ago); 06/18 Fr. Matthew Gossett; 06/19 Fr. Tom Magary; 06/20 Fr. Bill Cross; 06/21 Fr. Jim Dunfee; 06/22 Fr. David Cornett; 06/23 Fr. Paul Walker; 06/24 Fr. Victor Cinson.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, June 16**

9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)  
 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)  
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

**Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day)**

9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)  
 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL)  
 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)

**Monday, June 18**

4:30 p.m. – Mass with Bishop Monforton & diocesan priests to celebrate priests' special anniversaries & retirements (St. Mary, St. Clairsville, OH)

**Wednesday, June 20**

2:00-5:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)  
 6:00 p.m. – Mass (SJ)



**Saturday, June 23**

4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)  
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

**Sunday, June 24**

9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)  
 11:00 a.m. – Mass, with many of the Huffman clan attending (SL)  
 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

	St. Joseph	St. Lawrence	St. Mary
Adults.....	\$2,206.00	\$1,907.00	\$401.00
Loose.....	118.00	158.00	110.00
Votive Lights.....	149.00		
Cath. Comm. Camp. ...	10.00		
Peter's Pence.....	61.00		
Ascension.....	100.00	40.00	
Total.....	\$2,644.00	\$2,105.00	\$511.00
Restoration Fund...	\$10.00	\$50.00	

NOTE: Please consider remembering our three churches, our two schools and our three cemeteries in your will.

**MINISTERS FOR JUNE 23 & 24, 2018**

**ST. JOSEPH: 5:15 p.m.**  
**Holy Communion:** Don Vermilyea, Susan Morgan, Paul Webb, Laura Jones, Molly Blackstock  
**Lector:** Larry Abshire  
**Gifts:** Bob & Ann Nelson  
**Servers:** A. Collins, G. Dillon, H. Dutey  
**Greeters:** Noel DePriest Volunteer

**9:00 a.m.**  
 June Gagai, Kim Haas, M'Lissa Whaley, Laura Willis, Russell Lyons, Brianna Lyons, John Geswein, Steve & Linda Holt, A., M. & M. Weber, N. Sabotchick, M. Weisgarber, Steve & Linda Holt

**ST. LAWRENCE: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Communion:** Dianne McFann, Mike McFann, James Riedel, Scott Woods, Carol Harmon, William Basedow  
**Lector:** James Beaumont  
**Gifts:** Ron Wilson family  
**Servers:** N. & A. Woods, G. Simpson, A. Murray

**OUR SICK:** Richard Barron, Ruth (Kline) Bush, Mark Dewitz, John Edwards, Jean Gibson, Peggy Hartwig, Vicki Johnson, Pat Laber, Steve Massey, J. P. McClellan, David McGoron, Tommy Mountain, Rodney Mullins, Joanne Rambacher, Mike Roberts, Katie Schwab, Kathleen Sheridan, Jeff Vanderhoof, Kortne Waginger and all recovering from illness/surgery.

**CONDOLENCES:**

**LAWRENCE W. HOLSTON**, 66, died Saturday, June 9 in Warren, Ohio. Funeral services and burial in Woodland Cemetery took place here last Thursday, June 14.

**RICHARD "RICK" WHITE**, 54, died Sunday, June 10. His Mass of Christian burial was at St. Joseph Church followed by burial in Calvary Cemetery last Friday, June 15. We extend our prayers and condolences to his mother, Noel (Lowell) DePriest and all his extended family and relatives.

May Larry and Rick now enjoy the eternal embrace of our Risen Lord.



**FATHER'S DAY... REMINDING US OF OUR LIFE STORY!**

If someone gave me only a few sentences to tell them as much as I could about my life story, it would include, first of all, **my parents** as I would acknowledge my Mom and Dad as gifts God gave me at the very beginning of my life. Since I wrote some words about my Mother a few weeks ago (Mother's Day, May 13th), it is time to thank God for His goodness to me through a strong, spiritual Father.

If the first years of life are really the most important, then I was truly blessed. My Father had a deep, simple Faith and never missed Mass, celebrated on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in our local Catholic Church where he had received all of his Sacraments from baptism through marriage to my Mother in 1940. He prayed the rosary with us as a family every night during the months of May and October. He took leadership and stood with us in the confessional line each month waiting his turn to "go in the box" (confessional) to be humbled by any ways we fall short of the mark.

Today, Father's Day, I also remember my Father as my elementary teacher for THREE years... well I did not fail that many times, he just happened to be my teacher for three years as I moved through elementary school. My Father truly cared for his students during his 38 years of teaching. I did not receive any favors from him as he had absolute control of his classroom. (I will save stories of disciplinary action that I got from my Father for another time!)

I remember my Father working hard as a "gentleman farmer" on 160 hilly acres of land to help supplement his teaching salary of as little as \$5,000 yearly... yet enough to raise a family of six children as each of us were given our way to be a part of the family unit.

An important lesson my Father taught me in the classroom and on our small farm was that "can't died in the poor house!" He would say this often and meant that with God's help, "all things are possible!" These words of my Father were foremost on my mind three years ago when our FOCUS Committee began our plans for the future of our churches and schools. When our "dream list" went into the millions of dollars and then was narrowed down to our present, soon to be completed, Parish Life Center, I thought of these words of my Father as I began reaching out to alumni, parishioners, relatives and friends to help with what some thought unnecessary or impossible. After making nine payments on our construction, a total of \$1,391,609.00, with the help of many willing, generous souls, I will see the day when again I will realize that my Father was right, "Can't died in the poor house!"




**THANK YOU:** Our Catholic Community extends **special thanks to our Catholic Woman's Club ladies and other volunteers** who provided light refreshments after **all four of our Masses last weekend** to provide time to show Fr. Gossett our appreciation for spending his first two years of his priesthood with us and, also, an opportunity to ask God's blessings upon

him in his next assignment at **212 West Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950**. Also, let us thank Jim Colegrove who spearheaded the **Knights of Columbus** effort that helped move Fr. Matthew Gossett to St. Clairsville last Monday.

**SUMMER VACATIONS:** Have a very **happy summer vacation**, but remember our obligation to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass – there can be **no vacations from our obligations to God**. That means that He is to be included in the plans we make while on vacation. Our obligation to God include the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass **EVERY Sunday** – even when we are on vacation or our kids are playing sports on a team with a game out of town. Keep God in your summer plans!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** As our **Independence Day approaches**, all citizens need to remember the great liberties which we are privileged to share. But many of these liberties, especially religious liberties, have been under attack by special interest groups and aided, in some places, by liberal courts. Please check out the resources provided by the USCCB website at the following: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week/index.cfm>

**FATHER'S DAY REMINDERS**

The **Baby Bottles for Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Centers, Coal Grove and Ashland**, are to be returned to the church this Father's Day weekend, or as soon as possible. Your spare change can change a life! Please return all baby bottles, even if they are empty.

**Father's Day** is to remind every married man that they are to **give of themselves to their wife and children** as Jesus gave Himself to us on the Cross. It's not easy to be a father these days. So much is expected of fathers; but remember that a Father's influence remains with us for our entire life. In this day and age, when we need heroes to look up to, a good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised and unappreciated heroes in all mankind. Be sure to tell dad that you love him and appreciate him; if he has died, pray for him.

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** "Fr. David, just a note to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to give us a tour of your building under construction and a history lesson of Ironton. We both enjoy going to see the old towns, churches, and buildings and often go out of our way to visit them. We were overjoyed that we got to see your beautiful parish churches and shrine last week. Enclosed is a donation for your building fund." (signed Tom & Emily, cousins of Fr. Huffman from Akron, Ohio)

**Ironton Catholic Schools Building Fund**

(as of June 14, 2018)

**Goal: \$2,200,000****Pledged: \$1,663,846****Paid: \$1,392,141**