

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, August 20**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Margie Rudmann (Lawrence)

**Tuesday, August 21**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Margaret Lutz (The Lutz Family)

**Wednesday, August 22**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Weber's Florists "In Appreciation" (Diana Leith)

(SJ) For the terminally ill, the healing and strengthening of cancer patients and families

11:00 a.m. (SL) NO MASS

6:00 p.m. (SJ) Margaret Schwab (Bert & Mary Jon Holtzapfel)

**Thursday, August 23**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Fred Anson (Bill & Joey Dressel)

**Friday, August 24**

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Dr. Lewis Motycka (Family)

**Saturday, August 25**

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Intentions of Mary Ellen McClellan (Donor)

5:15 p.m. (SJ) Greg Isaac (Mom & family)

**Sunday, August 26**

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Ellen Lutz (The Pinkerton Family)

11:00 a.m. (SL) Larry O'Neill (Bob & Terri McGinnis)

7:00 p.m. (SM) Margaret Schwab (Pat & Beth Laber)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

	St. Joseph	St. Lawrence	St. Mary
Adults.....	\$2,783.00	\$2,069.00	\$302.00
Children .....	3.00		
Loose.....	208.00	238.00	111.00
Votive Lights .....	84.00		
Memorial Gifts .....			75.00
Assumption.....		25.00	
Total.....	\$3,078.00	\$2,332.00	\$488.00
Restoration Fund...	\$20.00	\$60.00	

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

**MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 25 & 26, 2018**

**ST. JOSEPH: 5:15 p.m.**

**Holy Communion:** Laura Jones  
Molly Blackstock  
Katie Barron  
Mack Anderson  
Brenda Gagai  
Don Vermilyea

**Lector:** Barb Lutz

**Gifts:** Mike & Jackie Murnahan family

**Servers:** L. & I. Unger,  
W. & A. Neal

**Greeters:** Volunteers

**9:00 a.m.**

Mike Haas  
Nancy Haas  
James Mains  
Ann Nelson  
Melinda Griffith  
Kim Haas

John Turner

Steve & Linda Holt

N. & J. Pauley,  
A., M., R. & M. Weber  
Steve & Linda Holt

**ST. LAWRENCE: 11:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion:** James Riedel, Scott Woods,  
William Basedow, Maria Whaley,  
Larry Anderson, Volunteer

**Lector:** Tyler Clyde

**Gifts:** Ron Wilson family

**Servers:** N. & A. Woods, K. Jenkins,  
B. Stuntebeck

**THOUGHT TO DISCUSS ON THE WAY HOME**

**Sunday, August 19 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- Jesus gives Himself so that we might live more fully with God. What might I do to prepare myself to receive the Eucharist more reverently this week?

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 26, 2018**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Lectionary Number: 122B

**Readings:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.

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

08/19 Fr. Tom Chillog; 08/20 Fr. David Gaydosik; 08/21 Msgr. Bill Myers; 08/22 Fr. John McCoy; 08/23 Fr. Matthew Gossett; 08/24 Pope Francis; 08/25 Fr. John Larson; 08/26 Bishop Jeffrey Monforton.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, August 18**

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 9:30 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
- 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
- 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

**Sunday, August 19**

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL)
- 12:30 p.m. – Baptism: Amber, Lexi, Keira & Killian McKnight (SL)
- 6:00 p.m. – Baptism: Rutlee Andrew Depuy (St. Henry Church, Harriettsville, OH)
- 7:00 p.m. – Mass, celebrant Fr. Gideon (SM)

**Monday, August 20**

8:00 a.m. – Mass, celebrant Fr. Gideon (SJ)

**Wednesday, August 22**

- (NO SLES Mass this week)
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
- 6:00 p.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 6:30 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)



**Friday, August 24**

1:00 p.m. – Graveside service: Paul John Compliment (Calvary)

**Saturday, August 25**

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 9:30 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
- 10:00 a.m. – Graveside service: Darlene Sloan (Calvary)
- 10:45 a.m. – Baptism: Avett Samuel Meyers (SM)
- 11:00 a.m. – Meeting of Parish School of Religion Teachers (SLES)
- 2:00 p.m. – Convalidation of Marriage (SJ)
- 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
- 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

**Sunday, August 26**

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Registration for Parish School of Religion (SJ Undercroft)
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL)
- 4:00 p.m. – Meeting of SEARCH Leaders (SJ)
- 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)

**Reminder:** Sunday Mass at St. Lawrence Church returns to 12 Noon on September 2

**OUR SICK:** Richard Barron, Dr. David Bush, Ruth (Kline) Bush, Glenna Cellar, Ruth Carmen, Mark Dewitz, John Edwards, Kathy Hamra, Vicki Johnson, Pat Laber, Paola Litton, Steve Massey, J. P. McClellan, Tommy Mountain, Rodney Mullins, Joanne Rambacher, Katie Schwab, Larry & Steve Shelton, Kathleen Sheridan, Mary Waddell, Kortne Waginger and all recovering from illness/surgery.

## ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE AUGUST 14TH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

1. The flat roof at St. Lawrence Elementary School and the flat roof at St. Joseph High School have been examined by **two different professional roof contractors**. It was found that both of them needed ONLY some maintenance, most of which has been completed with materials donated by Iron City Hardware.
  2. The progress in the building of the **Parish Life Center** was discussed and the Council members toured the building under construction. **Costs were noted:** Eleven (11) Construction payments to date: \$1,638,276; Money received to date: \$1,489,730 (**ALL** payments, **except one** have been paid from donations to date); Total pledged: \$1,749,639. Payments will continue to be made as donations are received. Cincinnati Flooring will begin installing the gym floor on August 31 and should be completed for the first basketball practice, November 1. (**Our first HOME game:** November 30)
  3. **Fire protection** for our new building cannot be supplied by the Ironton City Water Department. A **10,000 gallon tank** will be installed underground near the PLC at less cost to us than a new water line. (Giving better fire protection to many neighbors!)
  4. The old floor in **St. Lawrence Elementary School gym**, containing asbestos, was removed during the summer break from school. Through the generosity of Bonnie (Unger) Bachtel, the new, all-purpose floor has been installed and next week our school children will again occupy the gym for sports, exercise, lunch, Mass (during inclement weather), etc.
- (Next Pastoral Council meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 6:00 p.m.)

**DID YOU KNOW?** Our 550 weekly bulletins are **printed at ZERO cost to our Parish by The Printing Express** here in Ironton. This is due entirely to the number of advertisers we are so fortunate to have sponsoring our Catholic Community bulletin. When you are looking for goods or services, **please check out our bulletin advertisers first**. Then, if you do patronize any of our many advertisers, take a moment to thank them for advertising on the back of our bulletin. Just a word or two of acknowledgement will bring those advertisers back again, and save the parish \$\$\$!

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** When you are in the hospital, **let Admitting know that you are a Catholic and would like to be on the list for Visitation and Communion**. **NOTE:** When you enter the hospital through "Emergency" or are being readmitted, I find that often you do not get listed as Catholic unless you request it. Your pastor will not know you are in the hospital unless you notify the parish office and/or have been placed on the "Catholic" list.

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP:** A recent Sunday reading proclaimed: "**Each day** the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus, will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (Exodus 16:4) When God's Chosen People gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the **surplus became wormy and rotten**. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs." Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share. Our thanks to those who are generously sharing their gifts and blessings to support our churches, schools, shrine, etc.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:** It is so easy to cast judgment upon the thoughts and behaviors of others. We have heard the phrase, "**Practice what you preach**." If we really believe in Jesus we will put great effort and care into following His example and living His message. Humility is our goal. True humility begins when I see myself as one among many wounded, searching souls who are striving to work out a place in life and discover Who God is and how God acts. We celebrate Mass each weekend because we need to taste and feel the God Who reveals Himself fully in the Eucharist, the God Who is our strength, hope and salvation. We are not at Mass because we are better or wiser than anyone else for we are simply humble sinners in need of mercy. "Our churches are hospitals for sinners; not museums for saints!"

**TIME FOR A TUNE-UP?** Your marriage needs care and maintenance too! That's what you'll get on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend**. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones, and focus on each other. For more information, call Fr. Christopher Foxhoven @ (740) 767-3068 or email him at [cfoxhoven@diosteub.org](mailto:cfoxhoven@diosteub.org).

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS,  
COACHES, STUDENTS & STAFF

Dear God, bless all charged  
with the sacred task  
of teaching, training and instructing others  
to live better, more productive  
and holier lives.

May they be ever mindful of their duties  
as both examples and role models who  
talk the talk and walk the walk  
along the Way that leads to life  
and life to the full.

Give them wisdom, patience,  
kindness and good humor to be  
living lessons of Your truth.  
Help them to help others help themselves  
and to one day take their rightful place in  
Your Kingdom where You live and reign  
forever and ever.

Amen.

## Parish/School Life Center Building Fund

(as of August 19, 2018)

**Goal: \$2,200,000**

**Pledged: \$1,751,139**

**Paid: \$1,493,825**