310		hesapeake St. Ironton		Lawrence County Catholic Community PO Box 499 # Ironton, OH 45638 740-532-0712 June 22, 2025 Corpus Christi
		t, Ironton		Daily Readings 6/22CORPUS CHRISTIthe Most Holy Body and Blood of ChristGn 14:18-20, Ps 110:1 2 3 4, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Optional Sequence Lauda, Sion, Lk 9:11b-17 6/23Gn 12:1-9, Ps 33:12-13 18-19 20 & 22, Mt 7:1-5 6/24Nativity:John the BaptistIs 49:1-6, Ps 139:1b -3 13-14ab 14c-15, Acts 13:22-26, Lk 1:57-66 80 6/25Gn 15:1-12 17-18, Ps 105:1-2 3-4 6-7 8-9, Mt 7:15-20 6/26Gn 16:1-12 15-16, Ps 106:1b-2 3-4a 4b-5, Mt 7:21-29
		this sign you will be Saved!		 6/27—Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ—Ez 34:11-16, Ps 23:1-3a 3b-4 5 6 (1), Rom 5:5b-11, Lk 15:3-7 6/28—Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Gn 18:1-15, Lk 1:46-47 48-49 50 and 53 54-55, Lk 2:41-51 6/29—Sts Peter & Paul—Vigil: Acts 3:1-10, Ps 19:2-3 4-5, Gal 1:11-20, Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34:2-34-5 6-7 8-9, 2 Tm 4:6-8 17-18, Mt 16:13-19
Official Mass Cal No other published Mass times	Sat. 6/21 Sunday 6/22 Mon. 6/23		The Moran Family Dr. Patrio Tismo (Family) Health of Kara Stapleton & baby Bert Holtzapfel (4th Anniv.) (Family) Fr. Charlie Moran People of the 4 Parishes	O Lord, You have given us this Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. You have given us bread from Heaven. Having all sweetness within. Let us pray. God our Father, for Your glory and our salvation You appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. May the people He gained for You by His Blood come to share in the power of His Cross and Resurrection by celebrating His Memorial in this Eucharist, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever. Amen.
Official Mass Calendar for the week shed Mass times in the bulletin are	Tues. 6/24 Wed. 6/25 Thur.	8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA 8:00 am—SJ 5:30 pm—SJ 6:30 pm—SA 8:00 am—SJ	Rita Haas (Haas Family TSO #3 (Madre) Bob Nelson (Mary Jon Holtzapfel) David Gossett (Ironton CWC) Intentions of Stapleton Family) Cornelia Laber (Connie Heighton)	CALENDAR OF EVENTS 6/23-7/15 Fr Peter Away 6/23-7/15 Fr Paul covering all SA Daily Masses 6/25 Seminarian away—Vocation Work 6/28-29 Fr Paul covering SA & SM 6/28 9am Diaconate Ordination—Steubenville 6/30 4:30 Priest Jubilee @ St Clairsville
đ	6/26 Fri. 6/27 Sat. 6/28	Noon—SA 8:00 am—SJ 8:15 am—SA 9:00 am—SJ SL—5:15pm SA—5:30pm	The Moran Family Dick Rice (Judi & Julie) Special Intention "A" Elaine & Jack Light Family (Connie Heigh Pat Hackworth (Francie Monnig) Sr. Rosalie Belanger	7/8 6pm Ironton Parish Council—PLC 7/9 8pm Dio Seminarian Reception SJ Social Hall
be believed.	Sunday 6/29	SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am	Fr. Joseph Huong (Thuy Nguyen) Protection of our Military	7/10 12:30 Lunch & Learn—Seminarians 7/12-13 Fr Nau covering Ironton 7/12-13 2nd Collection for Riley (SJ & SL) 7/13 Riley's Last Day in Ironton 7/13 7pm Rosary at the Shrine 7/16 Seminarian away—Vocation Work

Adoration time to visit our Lord: SI Wed's 2-5:15 SA Wed's-5:15-6:15 & Fri 8:45-9:45

SA Bible Study Mondays @ 6pm & Tuesdays @ 1pm. All are welcome!

Your Input Needed: Ironton Parish Council has been asked to consider moving the Saturday 5:15 Mass to 4pm. A survey will be taken the weekend of June 28/29. Then at the July 8th Council meeting the council will look at the results and take a vote. If the Mass time for Saturday does change, we propose the 8/1/25 as the starting point.

Come join our Seminarians—Riley & Sam on

Wed, July 2 @ 6pm at the KofC Hall, for some food and fellowship before their return back to the Seminary. Menu will be: hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, mac/cheese, drinks and desserts. Please come and show your Lawrence County appreciation for their help this summer in our parishes. Sponsored by the Ironton CWC & KofC

Diocese Sem. Meet & Greet Wed, July 9 @ SJ Church

- 6:30 Director talk & Vocations story
- 7pm Holy Hour w/spiritual reflection
- 8pm Reception w/Seminarians in SJ Basement ALL WELCOME TO COME.

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Saint Lawrence O'Toole Church

Overview

St. Lawrence O'Toole Church is the oldest Catholic church in Ironton, Ohio. Its construction was finished in 1892 by Irish immigrants who worked on the railroads in and around Ironton. Our beautiful building currently needs restoration.

Goals

Our goal is to raise \$500,000 to meet the needs of our parish. This money will be used for the necessary exterior work to St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.

Any remaining funds will allow continuation of Parish needs, including but not limited to:

- Cleaning and overall refresh of interior.
- The convent on the St. Lawrence property needs new gutters and plumbing, among other work. (This building currently houses the Parish School of Religion.)
- The stained glass windows may need to be restored within the next 10 years.
- Painting and new carpeting in the sanctuary.

Memorial Donations

Would you like to make a donation to memorialize a family member (or members) with a plaque on one of the doors or windows being refurbished? Memorial plaques will be available for the main doors, the two side doors, and the four windows in the bell tower. There will also be a memorial plaque in the back of church listing all donors

For more information or to reserve your desired memorial, please contact a member of the fundraising committee, or indicate card.

Fundraising Committee Members

Sissy Clyse - 740-525-9083 Scott Holtzapfel - 606-465-5300 Rae Ann Mains - 740-646-5266 Mary Beth Nenni - 740-550-0874



The Fundraising Committee for St. Lawrence Of Restoration appreciates your continued feedback. It is our plan to provide information on a continual basis. We would like to answer some of the recent concerns presented.

Where will the collected funds be held?

All donations will be held in a specified account for St. Lawrence Restoration.

When will the project begin?

As soon as we receive donations and/or pledges to meet the financial requirements needed for signing the construction contract, it will be sent for diocesan approval. (The sooner the better - the wishful goal is ASAP!)

What if I need more time to pay?

If you need to spread your payments out over 36 months, please indicate that on your pledge card. Use the back side if needed.

PLEASE NOTE: Once the project begins, payments will be distributed as per contractural agreement. If for any unknown reason we are unable to initiate this renovation, you will be given the opportunity to redirect or reclaim vour donations.

PLEDGED TO DATE: \$223,564.00 URGENT REQUEST Dear Fellow Parishioners, We continue to pray for the success of the St. Lawrence O'Toole restoration campaign. We

- appreciate those who have shown their support
- through donations and/or pledges thus far.
- In order to ascertain parishioner support it is
- imperative to communicate your commitment
- on the St. Lawrence O'Toole pledge card as soon as possible.
- Thank you.
- Fundraising Committee

Prayer	for	Priests	
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6/29	5:15pm SL	5:30 pm SA	9 am SJ	9:30 SA	11am SL	Noon SM
Lector:	L. A. Waginger	Wheeldon	B. Canter	Mishoe	A. Bollinger	T. Ball
EM:	B. Gagai S. Morgan L. Pyles K. Unger	Roush Sullivan	J. Rowe D. Turner J. Woods M. Bryant	Harris Lanning	V. Mathis D./M. McFann S. Merkel	
Servers:	M. Anderson A. McFann Mabri Anderson		S./G. Rowe C. Wirzfeld		G. Payton B. West	

SA Cleaner—6/22 Colleen King & Joanelle, 6/29 Agnes Lanning, 7/6 Jane Jarvis, 7/13 Mike & Allison

OUR SICK: Heidi Adams, Jerry Adams, Priscilla & Rodney Adkins, Donnie Aloi, Jennifer(Whaley)Baker, Lowell Bodmer, Mary Braun, Cory Brown, Greg Bryant, Anna Burke, Josie Butcher, Fern Cielec, Jim Colegrove, Owen Conway, Danielle Cooper, Nancy & Mike Corn, Gigi de la Cruz, Doug Deeds, Linda DeWitz, Kris Dixon, Alicia Edwards, Linnea Fields, Charles Francis, Vanessa Fuller, Patrick Gagai, Thomas Gait, Anita Gardner, Steven Gardner, John Gibbons, Connie Goheen, Melinda Griffith, George Gross, Brett Guess, Corey Gurnow, AJ Harris, Jim & Lillian Hart, Katey Hardesty, Angel Hastings, Matt Hearn, Bridget Heighton, Peggy Hixon, Larry & Rick Holtzapfel, Jacob's baby, Barb Jarrett, Sue Jenkins, Dulcy Jimenez, Tationa Johnson, Cindy Jordan, Vincent Keairns, Sue Keeney, Cassie Kelley, John Kelley, Cole Kemper, Chris Kimble, Clare King, Bernadette Kinney, Martha Kirk, Don Kline, Janice Knoop, Rose Knotek, Paul Koster, Justin Lane, Amanda Lewis, Nancy Lewis, Ralph Lewis, John Linn, Ginger Logan, Chris Lunsford, Jim & Wanda Mahlmeister, Marie Majadalany, Dave Manring, Chloe Marcum, Jessica Mazurek, Mark McKee, Nathan Medina, Robbi Messenger, Johnny Meyers, Ginny Miller, Mike Miller, Monica Montallana, Tommy Mountain, Cathy Muche, Jeff & Shawn Nance, David Napalo, Donna Newman, Mark Nixon, Tracey Pabrazinsky, Pattie Perry, Paul Peterman, Diane Pratt, Susie Prichard, Katie Prout, Brent Pyles, Kenny Pyles, Roberta Ramsey, William Revely, Jim Riedel, Ronald"Jr"Riggs, Debra Roach, Helen Robinson, Jarin Robinson, Kathy Robinson, Tim Rockwell, David Schaffer, Karen Shaffer, Annette Scott, Troy Sheffield, Cathy Shine, Rosie Sinnott, Piper Smoot, Delores Spears, Mark van Steenberg, Emma Sullivan, Shawn Summers, Catherine Sutton, Chris Thomas, Larry Tillis, Mark Tomondi, Mike Tonkovich, Don Trentel, Michelle Webb, Andy Whaley, Rich Whaley, Cliff Wheeldon, Laura Willis, Emily Wilson, Tommy Woods, Rose Yates, Gary & Kathy Zuccarelli, and all recovering from illness/surgery.

New this week: John Linn

If there are people who should be taken off this list, please let the office know.

Fr Peter's Sunday Reflection

Today the Holy Mother Church celebrates the wonderful gifts of God to the world – the Body and Blood of his only Son Jesus Christ who is really present under the species of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1364 holds that "when the church celebrates the Eucharist, the sacrifice Christ offered for us on the cross remains ever present. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of the institution from Christ "This is my body which is given for you and this cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my Blood" Luke 22:9-20.

The Eucharist has various names in which it can be called like the sacrifice of Mass, the Lord's supper, the breaking of bread, memorial of the Lord's passion, the Holy Mass, and the Eucharistic assembly. The code of Canon Law defines the Eucharist, "the Eucharistic celebration is the action of Christ himself and the Church. In it, Christ the Lord, through the ministry of the priest, offers himself, substantially present under the species of bread and wine to the Father and gives himself as spiritual food to the faithful united with his offering" Canon 899.

The Body and Blood of Christ nourishes our soul, prepares and preserves it for eternity. The Eucharist is the food that God has providentially made available to us in order to nourish us on our spiritual journey. So, what material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. it preserves, increases and renews the life of grace we received at baptism. That was why St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote as a father of the Church that we should Stop considering the bread and wine to be ordinary, for they are body and blood according to the Lord who made the declaration. For even if your senses suggest this to you, let faith confirm you. Do not judge this by taste but be informed without doubt from faith that you have been made worthy of the body and blood of Christ.

The Eucharist is one of the ways through which God's abiding presence continues to be with us. What this means therefore is that whenever we eat this food of the Eucharist worthily, we welcome God's presence, and He remains with us and nourishes us. However, St. Paul warned us in 1 Corinthian 11: 23-30 that whoever eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ unworthily shall be liable for the body and blood of the Lord. Therefore, we should examine ourselves before we approach the altar. For it is on account of this that some are made weak and sick while others have fallen asleep.

My brothers and sisters let us bear in mind that in the Eucharistic celebration, people, communities, races, and nations are united as they share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ unites us to the church in heaven. Heaven and earth meet in the Eucharistic celebrations and those already in heaven, Mary mother of God, the angels and the saints pray with us.

Dear friends, let us always have the hunger to receive Jesus in the blessed sacrament. The constant reception of the Eucharist will reduce and end the longing for sins of the flesh. Let us make out time to visit Jesus in the blessed sacrament. My brothers and sisters, let us adore forever Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Amen.

ul DPSC UPDAT	DPSC UPDATE: Goal		% paid	Rebate \$	24/25 Sch	ool Assessment
St Ann	22,841	25,415	102%	2,574	22,800	DPSC rebates
St Joseph	29,639	46,950	117%	17,311	84,000	are used to
St Lawrence	18,041	57,924	257%	39,883	84,000	cover this cost.
St Mary	4,826	6,730	127%	1,904	14,700	

IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST -ST. JEROME

LUKE 9:11b-17

Reading closely

- What might people be hoping for as they seek Jesus?
- 2. In what ways does Jesus care for the crowd?
- 3. What care do the Twelve show for the crowd?
- Imagine you're a disciple.
 - a. What are you thinking as Jesus teaches and heals?
 - b. Where do you get the bread and fish?
 - c. How do you react when Jesus tells you to organize the crowd into groups?
 - d. What are you thinking and feeling as you bring food to people?
 - e. How do people react as you give them food?
 - f. Do you eat?
 - g. How do you reflect on what happened?
- Imagine you're in the crowd.
 - a. When you're told to sit, what do you think will happen?
 - b. Who brings you food?
 - c. How do you react to the food?
- d. Do you notice the leftover fragments?

Living the word

- 6. What are all the things people hunger for?
- 7. For what do you hunger?
- 8. How "satisfied" are you with what you "eat?"

THE GOSPEL READING

The Twelve

The Twelve are a core group of male disciples Jesus chose to symbolize the new Israel he is forming A crowd has formed partly in response to their successful mission (9:1-6,10). As this community around Jesus grows, it will need to be taken care of. The Twelve help Jesus tend to the crowd, but in the process they continue learning how to depend on him rather than on material resources.

The passage subtly recalls Luke's story of the call of Simon Peter (5:1f). At Jesus' command Simon cast his net and caught an abundance of fish. Jesus then told him he would "catch men." Now that Simon and the other disciples have begun to catch men, they help feed them.

Jewish & Catholic eucharists

Every Jew was supposed to pray before eating. Jesus' action of taking the bread and fish, saying a blessing, breaking the food, and distributing it is a basic Jewish ritual. Our eucharistic celebration is based on this liturgical action. Our prayers, however, are based on what God has done for us in and through Jesus.

Meaningful numbers

There's no obvious significance to the number of loaves and fish. The twelve baskets represent the twelve disciples whom Jesus specially chose from among his other followers. As the Twelve continue the mission of Jesus (as told in *The Acts of the Apostles*), Jesus will continue to sustain them.

God provides

When Jesus feeds the crowd, he evokes the stories of God giving manna to the Israelites in the desert and Elisha feeding 100 men with only 20 loaves (2 Kings 4:42f). These and other biblical passages point ahead to the fulfillment of God's promise of a huge, unending banquet.

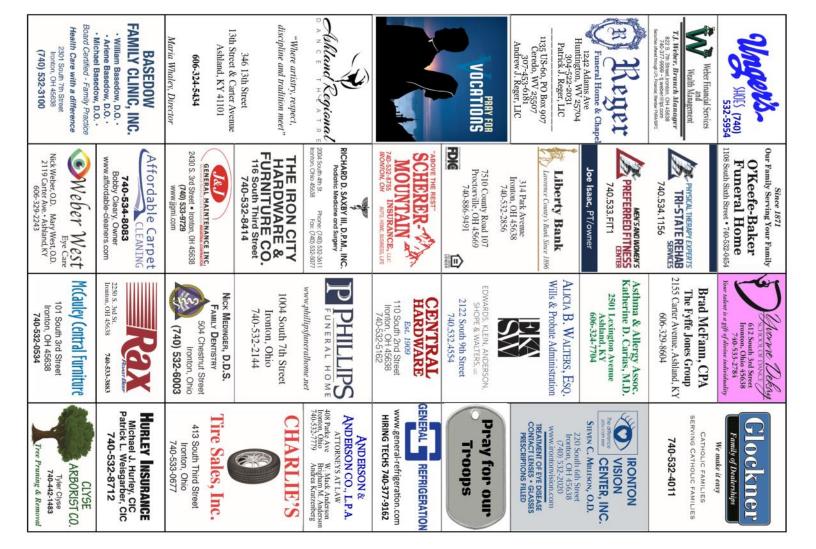
God's promise was first made to people who lived in unstable times and without the luxury of local grocery stores. An endless supply of food and the joy of lasting fellowship was heaven on earth. When Jesus fed the crowd, he both fulfilled God's promise of food and gave people a foretaste of the banquet that is to come.

PRAYER

from "Loude Sion" by St Thomas Aquinas

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us, Jesus, of your love befriend us, You refresh us, you defend us, Your eternal goodness send us In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know, Who on earth such food bestow, Grant us with your saints, though lowest, Where the heavenly feast you show, Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia!





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