



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, December 4

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Members of the Helbling Family (Estate)

(SJ) Gertrude Rudmann (Family)



Tuesday, December 5

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Scott Howard (The Runyan Family)

(SJ) Living & Deceased of Paulus-Rodgers Family  
Close to Home III

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Special Intention (Jenny Riley)

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

10:45 a.m. (SL) NO MASS

6:00 p.m. (SJ) Allison Rose (J.D. Hackworth family)

Thursday, December 7

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Larry Rist (Donor)

6:00 p.m. (SL) Richard & Mary Margaret Barron (Don & Katie)

Friday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Ambrose Monnig (Francie)

11:00 a.m. (SL) Shawn Walker (Donor)

6:00 p.m. (SJ) Paul Dupree (Cornelia Laber)

Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. (SJ)

5:15 p.m. (SJ) Jane Mittendorf (Family)

Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Dale & Margie Saunders (Nick & Mary Beth Weber)

NOON (SL) Jesse Ward (Cornelia Laber)

7:00 p.m. (SM) Members of the Community (Pastor)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

	St. Joseph	St. Lawrence	St. Mary
Adults.....	\$2,401.00	\$2,506.00	\$170.00
Children .....	5.00		
Loose.....	111.00	161.00	143.00
Votive Lights .....	262.00		
All Saints.....	40.00		
Cemetery Fund.....		100.00	
CHD.....	115.00	20.00	
Christmas Flowers...	25.00		20.00
Religious Retirement...	100.00		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,059.00</b>	<b>\$2,787.00</b>	<b>\$333.00</b>
Restoration Fund ...	\$7.00	\$75.00	

Thanksgiving Collection totaled \$400.00

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

MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 9 & 10, 2017

	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>ST. JOSEPH:</b>	Katie Barron	Gail Tackett
<b>Holy Communion:</b>	Chris Thompson Tricia Thompson Mack Anderson Brenda Gagai Susan Morgan Barb Lutz	Russell Lyons Brianna Lyons Randy Lilly Denise Turner Mary Bryant Debbie Joyce
<b>Lector:</b>	Mary Stewart Agnes Taylor	John & Carla Geswein family
<b>Gifts:</b>	C. Carlisle, J. Saxby, M. Mahlmeister	C. Lyons, J.C. & G. Damron, A., M. & M. Weber
<b>Servers:</b>		Janice Newman Janet Roadcup
<b>Greeters:</b>	Dee Moore Holly Dutey	

ST. LAWRENCE: Noon

Holy Communion: Mike McFann, James Riedel, Scott Woods, William Basedow, Maria Whaley, Volunteer Tyler Clyse

Lector: Lisa & Harley Kelley

Gifts: B. Anderson, M. Sheridan, G. Simpson, B. Stuntebeck

THOUGHT TO DISCUSS ON THE WAY HOME

Sunday, December 3 (First Sunday of Advent)  
• Jesus warns us to “watch” and be alert. What makes me less attentive to God’s presence than I want?

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent, Lectionary Number: 26B  
Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8.

PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE (Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church!): 12/03 Bishop Jeffrey Monforton; 12/04 Fr. Thomas Magary; 12/05 Fr. Tim Shannon; 12/06 Fr. Tim McGuire; 12/07 Fr. Tom Marut; 12/08 Msgr. Don Horak; 12/09 Fr. Sam Saprano; 12/10 Fr. Jack McCoy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. – Mass, First Saturday, vocation presentation follows Mass (SJ)

9:30-11:00 a.m. – Light breakfast followed by “Saturday morning with our seminarians” (SJ)

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

5:00 p.m. – Annual Christmas Walking Tour begins (First Baptist Church) (Walking Tour arrives at St. Lawrence Church about 6:40 p.m.)

5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)

10:15-11:45 a.m. – Parish School of Religion, PSR (SLES)

11:00 a.m. – 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass, Fr. Huffman’s sister & husband (St. Henry Church, Harrietsville, Ohio)

12 Noon – Mass (SL)

2:00-6:00 p.m. – Meeting of SEARCH Team (SJ)

7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)

Monday, December 4

4:00 p.m. – Ironton Alcoholics Anonymous Annual Dinner (SJ)

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 a.m.-2:25 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation for SJHS (SJ)

2:00 p.m. – Mass (Close to Home III)

Wednesday, December 6 (Feast of St. Nicholas)

9:00-11:30 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation for SLES (SL)

10:45 a.m. – NO Mass with SLES

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

6:00 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

7:00-9:00 p.m. – RCIA class (Ch. 18) (SJ)

Thursday, December 7 (Feast of St. Ambrose)

8:00 a.m. – NO Mass with SJHS

(All steel framework & roof arrives “on site” for Parish Life Center)

6:00 p.m. – Mass for Holy Day of Immaculate Conception (SL)

Friday, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

8:00 a.m. – Holy Day Mass (SJ)

11:00 a.m. – Holy Day Mass (SL)

6:00 p.m. – Holy Day Mass (SJ)

Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)

9:30 a.m. – Practice for new altar servers (SJ)

10:30 a.m. – Practice for new altar servers (SL)

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

5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)

10:15-11:45 a.m. – Advent Penance Service for PSR students (SLES)

12 Noon – Mass (SL)

2:00-4:00 p.m. – Meeting for Confirmation students (SJ)

6:00 p.m. – Baptism: Henry David Huffman (Our Lady of Mercy Church, Lowell, OH)

7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)



WHAT DOES THE ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLIZE?

The use of the Advent Wreath with four candles has been an Advent ritual for hundreds of years. The Advent wreath is a symbol of the four-week wait for Jesus’ birth. The green branches remind us of the new life we have in Jesus, the circle represents the eternity of God’s love for us (with no beginning and no end), and the candles represent the light and hope Jesus brings into a dark world.



When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Savior, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor’s (John the Baptist) birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to His desire. “He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30).”

Set up an Advent wreath in the center of your dinner table and a candle for each week of the Advent season. (Three purple candles and one pink candle.) Light one purple candle the First Sunday of Advent, the theme of this First Sunday is WATCHING & WAITING.

MODEL OF FAITH: Saint Nicholas (280-343), the patron of children, was orphaned at an early age and raised by an uncle. Like his uncle, he later became a bishop. After entering the priesthood, he became renowned for his charity and good deeds. Tradition says that he secretly filled the stockings or shoes of a few young women with enough money to ensure a decent dowry and marriage. This is the origin of our custom of hanging stockings at Christmas. In other parts of the world, on the eve of his feast day, children put their shoes outside the door for him to fill with small treats. St. Nicholas, pray for us!

ADVENT PRAYER: Loving God, help us to wait with patience and anticipation, to not be caught up in the rush of the season, but resting in Your ever-present love. Amen.

*Fr. David L. Huffman*

OUR SICK: Arline Barnes, Hayden Blagg, Ruth (Kline) Bush, Col. Thomas Carey, Ivy Dickens, John Edwards, Vicki Johnson, Pat Laber, Steve Massey, Tommy Mountain, Rodney Mullins, Jenny Riley, Megan Roberts, Gary Robinson, Katie Schwab, Bentley Smith, Carolyn Smith, Kortne Waginger, Mary Ann Weber, Tim Wilds, Chase Willis, Larry Wilson, Sr., and all recovering from illness/surgery.

CONDOLENCES: LINDA LEE SYDOW, 74, died Tuesday, November 28. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, December 1, St. Lawrence O’Toole Church. Linda is beautifully remembered for her faithful, dedicated work for Feed Your Faith from its beginning. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her husband, Steve, her daughters and all her relatives and friends. May Linda rest in the eternal embrace of our Risen Lord.



ITEMS FOR SALE: Our Catholic Woman’s Club (CWC) is continuing to sell note cards and brooms. These items are available for purchase from Unger’s Shoes or any CWC member.

CWC NEWS: The Annual Catholic Woman’s Club Advent Party is Monday, December 11 in the St. Joseph Church Undercroft. Please come join us for an evening of fun and song (with Fr. Matthew on guitar). Please bring a covered dish and cookies for our cookie exchange and wear the ugliest sweater you can find. Games and prizes and a special collection will be taken up to benefit a needy cause.

ADVENT PRACTICES: LITTLE BLUE BOOKS and FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD booklets are available at the church exits FREE for your use during the Advent/Christmas Season. Also, as announced last week you can participate in the program Best Advent Ever by signing up at DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/ADVENT. This Matthew Kelley program has short inspirational videos, practical tips and real-life stories of hope to help you prepare for the best Christmas of your life.



GIVING TREE: Thank you to all of you who have taken a tag for our annual Christmas Blessings to some needy children of our local area. REMEMBER, we ask that gifts be returned unwrapped by Sunday, December 10. (Thanks to our Ironton City Mission and the Scott/Amy Woods Family for making this gift of Christmas blessings possible.)

CONFESSION TIMES

Tue., Dec. 5 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
(For SJHS during school day)

Wed., Dec. 6 – 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
(For SLES at their school)

Sun., Dec. 10 – 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.  
(For PSR at St. Lawrence School)

LOOK Sun., Dec. 17 – 7:00 p.m. till ?  
Advent PENANCE SERVICE

Mon., Dec. 18 – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (SL)  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (SJ)

Wed., Dec. 20 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (SL)  
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. (SJ)

Fri., Dec. 22 – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. (SL)  
4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (SJ)

BEFORE every Sunday evening Mass  
@ ST. MARY, PINE GROVE

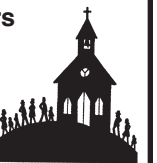
ANY TIME BY APPOINTMENT  
(Call 740-532-0712 for your time)

BEFORE and/or AFTER weekend  
Mass as we two priests are able



Ironton Catholic Schools  
November Sweepstakes Winners

\$ 500.00	Brian Deer - Ironton, OH
\$ 300.00	Ron McKnight - Ironton, OH
\$ 150.00	Bob Nelson - Ironton, OH
\$ 100.00	John Dickess - South Point, OH
\$ 50.00	Jack Welz - Ironton, OH



Ironton Catholic Schools Building Fund

Goal: \$2,200,000.00  
Pledged: \$1,384,319.07  
Paid: \$1,088,483.15