

The Catholic Community will celebrate the Eucharist as follows:

- (SJ) identifies St. Joseph Church
- (SL) identifies St. Lawrence Church
- (SM) identifies St. Mary Church
- (PLC) identifies Parish Life Center



Monday, February 11

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Chris Boggs (Health) (Tom & Rosie Sinnott)
- (SJ) James Podlogar (Tom & Emily)

Tuesday, February 12

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Fr. John Noe (Connie Heighton)
- 2:00 p.m. (Morning Pointe) Dale Motycka (Helen)

Wednesday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Paul Joe Holtzapfel (Lee Ann, Diane & Caroline)
- (SJ) For the terminally ill, the healing and strengthening of cancer patients and families

10:45 a.m. (SL) Joan Skaggs (Pastor)

6:00 p.m. (SJ) Betty Kline (Bert & Mary Jon Holtzapfel)

Thursday, February 14

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Paul & Gladys Lawless (Debbie Joyce)
- (SJ) Fr. James Dirker (Anniv. 1993)

Friday, February 15

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Verna Lyson (Jeanne Rice)

Saturday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Living & Deceased of Leo Lohrman Family (Connie Heighton)

5:15 p.m. (SJ) Janet Kline (Bert & Mary Jon Holtzapfel)

Sunday, February 17

- 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mark Stambaugh (Mom & Belinda)
- Noon (SL) Leona McClellan (Charles & Kay McClellan)
- 7:00 p.m. (SM) Gretchen Medinger (Clara Lewis & family)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

	St. Joseph	St. Lawrence	St. Mary
Adults.....	\$2,440.00	\$2,234.00	\$310.00
Children		1.00	
Loose	120.00	120.00	114.00
Votive Lights	113.00		
Donation		65.00	
Steubenville Register...	160.00	50.00	10.00
Church in Latin Amer....	80.00	120.00	
Propagation of Faith...		100.00	
Memorial Gifts			200.00
Total	\$2,913.00	\$2,690.00	\$634.00
Restoration Fund...	\$110.00	\$75.00	

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

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 2019

- ST. JOSEPH: 5:15 p.m.**
Holy Communion: Molly Blackstock
 Katie Barron
 Mack Anderson
 Brenda Gagai
 Don Vermilyea
 Susan Morgan
Lector: Barb Lutz
Gifts: Mike & Jackie
 Murnahan family
Servers: L. & I. Unger,
 H. Dutey,
 M. Mahlmeister
Greeters: Jane Laber
 Volunteer
- 9:00 a.m.**
 Melinda Griffith
 Kim Haas
 M'Lissa Whaley
 Laura Willis
 Russell Lyons
 Brianna Lyons
 Julie Walters
 John & Carla
 Geswein family
 I., B., E. & I. Whaley,
 B. Medinger
 Janice Newman
 Janet Roadcup

- ST. LAWRENCE: Noon**
Holy Communion: Scott Woods, William Basedow,
 Maria Whaley, Kay McClellan,
 Larry Anderson, Susan Brown
 Leslie Miller
Lector: Lisa & Harley Kelley
Gifts: N. & A. Woods, B. Williams, A. Murray,
 M. Hackworth

THOUGHT TO DISCUSS ON THE WAY HOME
Sunday, February 10 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- At Mass we pray that God may protect and defend us "with His unflinching care." Where have I seen God's unflinching care in my life? What help do I need today?

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Lectionary Number: 78C

Readings: *Jeremiah 17:5-8; I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26*

PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE (Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church!): 02/10 Fr. Paul Walker; 02/11 Fr. Bradley Greer; 02/12 Fr. David Gaydosik; 02/13 All priests, living & deceased; 02/14 Fr. Ed Maxfield; 02/15 Fr. Tim Kozak; 02/16 Fr. Jim Dunfee; 02/17 Fr. Jonas Shell.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday, February 9**
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
 9:30 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
 11:00 a.m. – Baptism: Brody Joseph McGinnis (SL)
 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)
 6:30 p.m. – Baptism: William Clarence Easterling (SJ)
- Sunday, February 10**
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
 10:15-11:45 a.m. – Parish School of Religion (PSR) (SLES)
 12:00 Noon – Mass (SL)
 1:30 p.m. – Baptism: Brayden Anthony Neal and Aubrey Ann Neal (SL)
 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)
- Monday, February 11**
 4:30 p.m. – Meeting of Board of Ironton Catholic Schools (3rd floor, SJHS)
- Tuesday, February 12**
 2:00 p.m. – Mass (Morning Pointe, KY)
 7:00 p.m. – Feed Your Faith Team Meeting (K of C)
- Wednesday, February 13**
 10:45 a.m. – Mass with SLES, all are welcome (SL)
 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
 5:00-6:30 p.m. – Parent-Teacher meetings (SJHS)
 6:00 p.m. – Mass (SJ)
 7:00 p.m. – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Ch. 23 & 24 (PLC)
- Thursday, February 14 (St. Valentine's Day)**
 8:00 a.m. – Mass with SJHS, all are welcome (SJ)
 5:00-6:30 p.m. – Parent-Teacher meetings (SLES)
- Friday, February 15 (No School)**
- Saturday, February 16**
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
 9:30 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
 1:00 p.m. – Funeral service: Mary Wilson French (O'Keefe-Baker Funeral Home)
 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)
- Sunday, February 17 (Missionaries Servants of the Word, Portsmouth, OH, will give a short presentation at each weeked Mass)**
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
 10:15-11:45 a.m. – Parish School of Religion (PSR) (SLES)
 12:00 Noon – Mass (SL)
 (Sunday & Monday: SEARCH Retreat in preparation for SEARCH Weekend, March 22-24)
 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)



BISHOP'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton has announced that **St. John Central High School, in Bellaire, Ohio will permanently close its doors at the end of this school year in June.** Our Bishop has said, "I am extremely disappointed, however the enrollment, declining financial resources and support, and the estimated necessary capital expenditures are now beyond our control and leave me with no real choice." Over the last ten years, the high school has struggled to keep a viable enrollment, making it increasingly difficult to support itself, financially. In October of 2015, the school reported an enrollment of 91 students, but that enrollment dropped to 40 students the following year (2016-2017). At that time the Bellaire elementary school and the high school were combined into one building, sharing both physical plant and administrative costs. High school enrollment figures for the current school year are reported to be 43 students (October 2018).



How does the closing of the Catholic high school in Bellaire, Ohio, affect us? I believe there were eight Catholic high schools in our diocese two generations ago. Now there are **only TWO... St. Joseph High School here and Catholic Central in Steubenville.** This reminds me to **ask all of you to recommit** to the value of St. Joseph High School that has taught our Catholic faith to the young adults of the Ironton area for almost ninety five (95) years. (In Lawrence County Catholic education goes back to St. Mary in Pine Grove almost 150 years ago.)

During my 10 ½ years here I have asked our Board of the Ironton Catholic Schools to **raise teacher salaries by 3% each year;** we have done this. I have requested that any **tuition increases could not exceed 3% each year.** With difficulty we have been able to balance our budget by keeping these standards in place!

I believe our Catholic schools here remain strong and I am deeply committed to keeping them the best that we can make them... thus, three years ago our FOCUS Committee gave its best efforts to form an immediate plan and 20-year plan for our Catholic schools. Building our church/school facility (PLC) was one of the results of this study. With your help we would like to do much more to improve our facilities and keep our educational standards high. **A few sacrifices on the part of each of us can keep this ideal alive for our future generations.**

OUR TWO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL NOT CLOSE ON MY WATCH!

Fr. David L. Huffman

OUR SICK: Marvin Black, Mark Dewitz, John Edwards, Linda Fraley, June Gagai, Jean Hancock, Chris Henderson, Mike Hopper, Vicki Johnson, Sue Keeney, Pat Laber, Betty Lefebvre, Paola Litton, Steve Massey, J. P. McClellan, Tommy Mountain, Rodney Mullins, Christine Pennywhitt, Joanne Rambacher, Carl Russell, Katie Schwab, Larry Shelton, Kathleen Sheridan, Eileen Unger, Kortne Wager, and all recovering from illness/surgery.

SAVE THE DATES! Our annual Lenten Parish Mission has been scheduled for the evenings of **March 25, 26 and 27,** presented by the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, focusing on God's beautiful plan for our lives. Spend time in the restful presence of the Blessed Sacrament as the sisters share their faith in testimony and song. Wednesday evening will also include dinner.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB (CWC) NEWS: The first meeting of 2019 will be Monday, February 11 (weather permitting) in our Parish Life Center at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we welcome Diva Justice from Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital as she discusses heart health and healthy eating. There will be light refreshments and a short meeting to discuss/plan for their upcoming activities. All ladies of our three churches are cordially invited to attend this meeting and give support to the work of our Catholic Ladies.

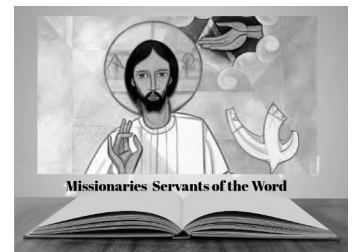
CATHOLIC RADIO: As I announced last weekend, the people of our area can now enjoy **Catholic Radio for southern Ohio on FM 88.3.**



This new station is an affiliate of St. Gabriel Radio in Columbus and seeks to help you grow in your love of God and others. FM 88.3 broadcasts **Catholic programming 24 hours a day** with their signal coming from a tower in Portsmouth/New Boston. Tune in to FM 88.3 and pick up a bumper magnet for your vehicle at any of our three churches.

COMING TO IRONTON

The Community of the **Missionaries Servants of the Word of Portsmouth, Ohio,** will be at all four of our Masses next weekend, February 16 & 17. One of their Apostolates is the distribution of their magazine named "**Found.**" They



use this magazine to evangelize local Catholics. "Found" is for the whole family to enjoy. "Found" provides many testimonies of people who have had their lives changed through an encounter with the Word of God. The magazine includes articles about the lives of the Saints, a kids section, and other great articles.

The Missionaries Servants of the Word ask a donation of **\$5.00 or whatever you can give in order to print more magazines and to keep their apostolic work going in sharing the Good News.** If you have any questions for the Missionaries Servants, you can call Lupita Lopez in Portsmouth at (740) 961-0114.

Parish/School Life Center Building Fund
(as of February 7, 2019)

Goal: \$2,200,000.00

(Of the \$1,902,795.00 pledged,

\$1,692,353.00 has been paid)