

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 13

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Maxine Klinger (Lou Ryan)

Tuesday, August 14

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Connie Brankel (Tom Brankel)
 6:00 p.m. (SL) Midge Payne (Michael & Rhonda Sheridan)

Wednesday, August 15

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Chris Black (Bonnie & David McGoron)
 (SJ) For the terminally ill, the healing and strengthening of cancer patients and families

11:00 a.m. (SL) Frank Rudmann (Sam Wieteki)

6:00 p.m. (SJ) Margaret Schwab (Jennifer Howard)

Thursday, August 16

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Intentions of Pat & Kathleen Sheridan
 (Bob & Terri McGinnis & Bonnie Bachtel)

Friday, August 17

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Intentions of Alice Horefki (Aggie Taylor)

Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Members of the Helbling Family (Estate)
 5:15 p.m. (SJ) Georgine Kitchen (Family)

Sunday, August 19

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Phyllis Turner (John & Denise & family)

11:00 a.m. (SL) Larry O'Neill (Pat & Beth Laber)

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



THOUGHT TO DISCUSS ON THE WAY HOME

Sunday, August 12 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Paul urges us to eliminate bitterness and grow in compassion. What bitterness keeps me from being more compassionate toward someone?

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 19, 2018

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Lectionary Number: 119B

Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6: 4-8; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

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

08/12 Fr. Samuel Saprano; 08/13 Fr. Tom Marut; 08/14 Fr. Bradley Greer; 08/15 Fr. Anthony Batt; 08/16 Bishop Jeffrey Monforton; 08/17 Fr. Tim McGuire; 08/18 Fr. Walter Heinz; 08/19 Fr. Tom Chillog.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 11

- 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 12

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

Monday, August 13

7:00 p.m. – Monthly Rosary (Fatima Shrine)

Tuesday, August 14

9:00 a.m.-? – Ironton Catholic Schools Teacher In-Service (SJ Undercroft)

- 2:00 p.m. – Mass (Morning Pointe)
- 6:00 p.m. – Mass of the Assumption of Mary (SL)
- 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)
- 7:00 p.m. – Feed Your Faith (K of C)

Wednesday, August 15 (First Day of School)

- 8:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL)
- 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)

Thursday, August 16

7:00 p.m. – Meeting of Finance Council (Rectory)

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)
- 5:00 p.m. – Baptism: Rutlee Andrew Depuy (St. Henry Church, Harriettsville, OH)
- 7:00 p.m. – Mass, celebrant Fr. Gideon (SM)

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.

FUNDRAISER: The 2nd Annual Harvest for the Hungry Dinner & Silent Auction

will be held Saturday, August 18th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at 1st Nazarene Church, 4th & Pleasant Streets. Tickets are \$10.00 from the Food Pantry, Ungers' Shoes, etc. (\$12.00 at the door). Questions, call LuAnn (740) 532-1238.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

	St. Joseph	St. Lawrence	St. Mary
Adults.....	\$2,375.00	\$1,762.00	\$350.00
Loose.....	158.00	157.00	226.00
Votive Lights.....	101.00		
Reimbursement.....	36.32		
Assumption.....		20.00	
Total.....	\$2,670.32	\$1,939.00	\$576.00
Restoration Fund...	\$70.00	\$80.00	

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

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 18 & 19, 2018

ST. JOSEPH: 5:15 p.m.

Holy Communion: Mack Anderson
 Brenda Gagai
 Don Vermilyea
 Susan Morgan
 Paul Webb
Lector: Leigh Ann Waginger
Gifts: Mary Stewart
 Aggie Taylor

Servers: A. McFann, H. Dutey, E., J. & L. Rowe,
 G. Dillon, J. Saxby, C. Lyons, B. Williams
Greeters: Jane Laber, Janice Newman
 Mary Stewart, Janet Roadcup

9:00 a.m.

Russell Lyons
 Brianna Lyons
 Randy Lilly
 Denise Turner
 Mary Bryant
 Jannifer Rowe
 John Geswein
 Jim & Lil Hart

ST. LAWRENCE: 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: Susan Brown, Jim Colegrove,
 Joyce Lewis, Vicky Mathis,
 Dianne McFann, Mike McFann
Lector: Barbara Delaney

Gifts: Lisa & Harley Kelley
Servers: P. Delaney, K. Rudmann,
 B. Anderson, B. Herrmann-Holt

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For more than one hundred fifty years, beginning at St. Mary Church in Pine Grove, our Catholic Community has made Catholic education a priority in western Lawrence County. As we are about to begin the 2018-19 school year, I am praying for our dedicated staff and teachers in our St. Lawrence Elementary and St. Joseph High Schools. I pray for the Holy Spirit to illuminate their hearts and minds, and those of the students, in the new school year.



When our Catholic schools were founded, educational technology meant a chalkboard, religious sisters who taught for virtually no pay and younger Catholic couples who usually had several school-age children. Under those conditions, a typical parish could support a school. But that one parish-school model is impossible for most parishes to sustain when we strive to pay a living wage, when digital technology brings new costs and when the population of school-age children in western Lawrence County has dropped dramatically. Many public school systems are facing the same population drop, and struggle with the same questions of reorganization (for example, weren't there five or six different elementary schools in the public school system in Ironton some twenty years ago?)

The curriculum in our Ironton Catholic Schools is STREAM-based. **STREAM** is an acronym for Science, Technology, **Religion**, Engineering, the Arts and Math. We are a faith-centered school system where we nurture each student's growth in mind, body and spirit. We encourage our students to pursue the goals of academic excellence and faithfulness to Christ with the same enthusiasm. STREAM is not something new; we have been doing it for many years to give our students critical skills to make them successful in the future. STREAM is vital in producing critical thinkers and future innovators who keep their Faith important in their daily lives. All the technology in the world won't help us when we face the real challenges of life!

For our Catholic schools to remain spiritually challenging, academically excellent and financially strong, **we need as many people as possible TO INVEST THEIR BEST RESOURCES** in our school-age children. For many this means **GIVING BACK** to others from what they received. We want to keep raising teacher salaries, as we have done for over ten years, and at the same time, keep tuition affordable, as we maintain our Catholic identity.

Jesus, the Divine Teacher, is ever present in our Catholic schools. Our small class size presents financial challenges and, yet, provides benefits where lesson plans can be tailored to student's individual needs and learning styles. Our graduates of distinction have a long history of doing well in succeeding in employment and raising faith-filled families.

Our Catholic schools are critical to the future, not just of our Catholic Community, but of our world. They educate the mind, the heart and the spirit. Their graduates succeed academically, and bring to their adult life a concern for others, especially the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalized. We must do everything in our power to sustain our schools so that they can continue to be extensions of our homes and churches in faith, knowledge and service.

As the doors to St. Lawrence Elementary and St. Joseph High School prepare to open, the administrators, students, teachers and parents are excited to be a part of this next big step in Catholic education. If you are interested in being a part of this journey, it is not too late to enroll your child(ren). Financial help is available through the Diocesan Immaculate Heart of Mary Tuition Assistance Program or our local Angel Tuition Fund. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 740-532-0485.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Missing one or more of the Sacraments? Each year a process called RCIA – the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** – offers an opportunity for people who are not baptized (not Christians) or those who are baptized in another faith to become Catholic. It also allows baptized Catholics who missed their First Holy Communion and/or their Confirmation to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. If you or anyone you know might be interested in the RCIA process, please call the rectory (740) 532-0712. We are compiling a list of adults who will soon be contacted by US mail about the details of our RCIA process. (RCIA classes are held each Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning in early September.)



Feed Your Faith



He who promised is faithful. Heb. 10:23b

WANT TO JOIN FEED YOUR FAITH?

Following a summer break, the Feed Your Faith Team will resume regular planning meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the group is invited to attend.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, a HOLY DAY of Obligation, celebrates the bodily taking up of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life. This doctrine was dogmatically defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, but accounts of the Assumption of Mary into heaven survive in historical notice from the third and fourth centuries. Celebrated as early as the fifth century, this feast became official in the ninth century.

May we offer our praise and thanks for Christ's promise that we too will be received into God's paradise.

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Tuesday, August 14: 6:00 p.m. (SL)
(Followed by Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, August 15: 8:00 a.m. (SJ),
11:00 a.m. (SL) and 6:00 p.m. (SJ)



Parish/School Life Center Building Fund

(as of August 12, 2018)

Goal: \$2,200,000

Pledged: \$1,749,639

Paid: \$1,489,730