

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 7

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Health of Tony Weinfurter (Bobby Cleary Family)
- (SJ) Members of the Helbling Family (Estate)



Tuesday, August 8

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Intentions of John Schwab Family (Connie Heighton)
- (SJ) Fred Newman (Roy & Gail Tackett)

Wednesday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Dovie Gleichauf (Eileen & Kara)
- (SJ) For the terminally ill, the healing and strengthening of cancer patients and families
- 6:00 p.m. (SJ) Allison (Payne) Rose (Dennis & Karen Dickess)

Thursday, August 10

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Thomas Mutch (Donor)
- (SJ) Marie Whaley (Elva Jaconette)

Friday, August 11

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Maxine Klinger (Lou Ryan)
- (SJ) Special Intention (Jenny Riley)

Saturday, August 12

- 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Leo Unger (Chris Kline Family)
- 5:15 p.m. (SJ) Living & Deceased of the SJHS Class of 1967

Sunday, August 13

- 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Allison Payne Rose (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. (SL) Members of the Community (Pastor)
- 7:00 p.m. (SM) Sr. Regina Monnig (Kathryn Conway)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

	St. Joseph	St. Lawrence	St. Mary
Adults.....	\$2,570.00	\$2,177.00	\$225.00
Loose.....	112.00	181.00	206.00
Votive Lights.....	104.00		
Peter's Pence.....		1.00	
Propagation of Faith...		50.00	
Total.....	\$2,786.00	\$2,409.00	\$431.00
Restoration Fund...	\$15.00	\$70.00	

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

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 12 & 13, 2017

	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
ST. JOSEPH:		
Holy Communion:	Tricia Thompson	Mary Bryant
	Mack Anderson	June Gagai
	Brenda Gagai	Jennifer Rowe
	Don Vermilyea	Mike Haas
	Susan Morgan	Nancy Haas
	Paul Webb	James Mains
Lector:	Leigh Ann Waginger	John Turner
Gifts:	Mary Stewart	Jim & Lil Hart
	Aggie Taylor	
Servers:	G. Dillon, E. Sheridan,	E., J. & L. Rowe,
	E. Blankenship	V. & V. Keairns
Greeters:	Dee Moore	Roy & Gail Tackett
	Holly Dutey	

ST. LAWRENCE: 11:00 a.m.

- Holy Communion:** Scott Woods, Carol Harmon, William Basedow, Maria Whaley, Charles McClellan, Larry Anderson
- Lector:** Leslie Miller
- Gifts:** Ron Wilson family
- Servers:** G. Miller, A. Bartram, M. Hackworth

THOUGHT TO DISCUSS ON THE WAY HOME

- Sunday, August 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord)**
- The disciples are commanded to listen to God's Son. How can I listen more attentively for Jesus' voice?

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 13, 2017

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Lectionary Number: 115A
Readings: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33.

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

8/6 Fr. Paul Hrezo; 8/7 Fr. Gene Mullett; 8/8 Msgr. Tom Petronek; 8/9 Fr. Tom Magary; 8/10 Bishop Gilbert Sheldon; 8/11 Pope Francis; 8/12 Fr. Tim Shannon; 8/13 Fr. Tim McGuire.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 5 (Fr. Gossett continues his studies at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit)

- 8:00 a.m. – NO Mass, First Saturday (SJ)
- 10:00 a.m. – Criss Fisher, Mass of Christian Burial (St. Margaret Mary, Parkersburg, WV)
- 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr. Gideon Olugbami (SJ)
- 5:15 p.m. – Mass, Fr. Gideon Olugbami (SJ)

Sunday, August 6

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL) (First Mass as we move back into St. Lawrence Church)
- 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)

Tuesday, August 8

- 9:00 a.m. – Altar Server Practice (SL)
- 6:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meets (rectory)

Wednesday, August 9

- 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
- 6:00 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

Thursday, August 10

- 9:00 a.m. – Altar Server Practice (SJ)

Friday, August 11

- 5:00 p.m. – Rehearsal for Schwed-Mittendorf Wedding (SL)

Saturday, August 12

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass, First Saturday (SJ)
- 3:00 p.m. – Samuel S. Schwed & Sarah B. Mittendorf wedding within Mass (SL)
- 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
- 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

Sunday, August 13

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL) (Fr. Gossett returns from Detroit)
- 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)
- 7:00 p.m. – Monthly Rosary (Fatima Shrine)

OUR SICK: Cara Dingus Brook, Ruth (Kline) Bush, Col. Thomas Carey, Tom Clare, John "Meat" Compliment, Ivy Dickens, John Edwards, Joe Holtzapfel, Pat Laber, Steve Massey, Jim Monte, Tommy Mountain, Rodney & Mary Beth Mullins, Joanne Rambacher, Jenny Riley, Megan Roberts, Cmdr. Bob Roberts, David & Marilyn Sabolsice, Katie Schwab, Bentley Smith, Carolyn Smith, Larry Wilson, Sr., and all recovering from illness/surgery.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: SAMUEL STEVEN SCHWED,

and **SARAH BETH MITTENDORE,** both of our Catholic Community, plan their marriage within Mass, next **Saturday, August 12,** St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. May God bless them as they prepare for their life-long commitment. (Sam & Sarah have received several weeks of instructions to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation a few days before their wedding date!)

WELL DONE: Congratulations to Grant & Tiffany Williams

as their son, **BRAYZEN ANDREW WILLIAMS,** makes his **First Holy Communion,** today, Sunday, August 6, at our 11:00 a.m. Mass in St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Brayzen's parents and I spent several weeks in preparing Brayzen for his First Confession and his First Holy Communion. In the next ten days Brayzen will be entering the 5th grade at St. Lawrence Elementary School. Brayzen's great grandmother is Joanne Rambacher, his grand parents are Roger/Karen Williams.

WE MUST DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO SUSTAIN 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 2017-18 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?)

We hear about the beginning of a STEM-M school in South Point. We have more in our **STREAM-based curriculum** in our schools. **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.

Fr. David L. Huffman

REMINDER: Beginning today, Sunday, August 6, our 11:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in St. Lawrence Church with its new H/VAC system. Thanks to Lou, Brigham and Jim for helping collect bids and choosing Ashland Furnace to do the work. A big thank you to Steve and Joshua for their endless efforts in removing the old boiler and the twenty two radiators along St. Lawrence's walls. Thanks to Greg, our 11:00 a.m. Mass choir and all others who "suffered" this temporary inconvenience for the improvement that we will all enjoy.

HELP WANTED: Silent Auction for Harvest for the Hungry Food Pantry, Saturday, August 12, to be held at First Nazarene Church, 4th & Pleasant Streets. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with catered dinner. Lots of great items for auction which begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. Contact Peggy Hartwig @ 740-550-5007 or Diane Porter @ 425-301-0168.

PILGRIMAGE: You are invited to join the **one-day trip on Saturday, August 19, to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.** The bus leaves St. Mary Church on Market Street in Portsmouth at 6:15 a.m. and will return to Portsmouth at about 6:30 p.m. the same day. The cost per person is \$ 50. For more information or for a reservation, call Bob Boldman @ 740-727-9912. (See registration form in our churches.)

A MUST READ: Recently our parishioner, **Jim Walker, sports editor of The Ironton Tribune** wrote an article: Sports a microcosm of real tragedies in life. Jim wrote, "We have many sad moments in life, but we have so many good ones, too. We need to understand that we should enjoy life and look forward to the real goal of heaven." (Read the whole article!)

A NIGHT OUT: Come enjoy live music at the Knights of Columbus, Friday, August 11, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music by Nick Erlenwein and Tim Hopkins. Open to the public. No cover charge.

Ironton Catholic Schools Building Fund

Goal: \$2,200,000

