

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, June 19

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Larry Rist (Bonnie & David McGoron)
- (SJ) Kay Kurtz (Patty Sharp)

Tuesday, June 20

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Leo & Jim Unger (Eileen)
- (SJ) Matthew Walters (James & Sharon Carver)

Wednesday, June 21

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Marie Whaley (Andy & Brenda Gagai)
- (SJ) For the terminally ill, the healing and strengthening of cancer patients and families
- 6:00 p.m. (SJ) Elisabeth Callahan (Bonnie & David McGoron)

Thursday, June 22

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Gary Willis (Pat [Lynch] Graybeal & Rosemarie Lynch)
- (SJ) Tim Hodges (Bobby, Kara & Kaden)

Friday, June 23

- 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Charles Scott Howard (Sara & Tom Klein)
- (SJ) OP Collins (Bobby, Kara & Kaden)

Saturday, June 24

- 5:15 p.m. (SJ) Tim Wissman (Marianne & Angie)

Sunday, June 25

- 9:00 a.m. (SJ) Rita Haas (Children & grandchildren)
- 11:00 a.m. (SL) Thomas Whaley (Mrs. Elva Jaconette)
- 7:00 p.m. (SM) Members of the Community (Pastor)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

| | St. Joseph | St. Lawrence | St. Mary |
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| Adults..... | \$2,739.00 | \$2,347.00 | \$315.00 |
| Children | 4.00 | 1.00 | |
| Loose..... | 72.00 | 102.00 | 116.00 |
| Votive Lights | 200.00 | | 4.35 |
| Ascension..... | 101.00 | | |
| Total..... | \$3,116.00 | \$2,450.00 | \$435.35 |
| Restoration Fund... | | \$50.00 | |

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

MINISTERS FOR JUNE 24 & 25, 2017

| | 5:15 p.m. | 9:00 a.m. |
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| ST. JOSEPH: | Chris Thompson | June Gagai |
| Holy Communion: | Mack Anderson Brenda Gagai Susan Morgan Paul Webb Laura Jones | James Mains Ann Nelson Melinda Griffith Kim Haas M'Lissa Whaley |
| Lector: | Barb Lutz | Aaron Heighton |
| Gifts: | Jane Laber Family | Volunteers |
| Servers: | H. Dutey, E. Sheridan, J. Saxby | M. & M. Heighton, N., N. & N. Sabotchick |
| Greeters: | Mary Stewart Volunteer | Bennie & Kay Blankenship |

ST. LAWRENCE: 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion: Julie Whaley, James Riedel, Scott Woods, Carol Harmon, William Basedow, Maria Whaley, Tyler Clyse
Lector: Tyler Clyse
Gifts: Volunteers
Servers: N. & A. Woods, K. Rudmann, M. Sheridan

THOUGHT TO DISCUSS ON THE WAY HOME
Sunday, June 18 (Body & Blood of Christ)
 • Jesus offers Himself as the Eucharistic Bread that nourishes us. What can I offer to nourish the lives of others today?

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, June 25, 2017
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Lectionary Number: 94A
Readings: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.*

PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE (Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church!): 06/18 Pope Francis; 06/19 Fr. John Mucha; 06/20 Fr. Vic Cinson; 06/21 Fr. Fred Kihm; 06/22 Msgr. John Kolesar; 06/23 Fr. Virgil Reischman; 06/24 Msgr. Bob Kawa; 06/25 Pope Francis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Saturday, June 17
 9:00 a.m. – Mass, Mother’s Chapel (SJ)
 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

Sunday, June 18 (Father’s Day)
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL) (**Note:** Summer schedule, June/July/August)
 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)

Monday, June 19
 4:30 p.m.-? – Annual Clergy Jubilee Day (St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, OH) (Mass with Bishop Monforton & all diocesan priests)

Tuesday, June 20
 6:00 p.m. – Priest Appreciation Day Dinner (Our Lady of Fatima Church, Huntington, WV)

Wednesday, June 21
 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
 6:00 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

Friday, June 23 (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Saturday, June 24

9:00 a.m. – **NO** Mass, Mother’s Chapel
 10:30 a.m. – Procession followed by 12 Noon Mass with Bishop Monforton (bus to St. Mary Basilica, Marietta, OH)
 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SJ)

Sunday, June 25 (Fr. Gossett celebrates Masses at St. Ann, Chesapeake, OH)
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ)
 11:00 a.m. – Mass (SL) (**Note:** Summer schedule)
 12:30 p.m. – Baptism of Luke Anthony Barron (SL)
 7:00 p.m. – Mass (SM)

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

EUCHARIST, A TASTE OF ETERNAL LIFE

This weekend as we celebrate the great **FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST** we are called to remember that Jesus showed us the way to eternal life by accepting a terrible and humiliating death. The cross was one of the most excruciating forms of public execution practiced in the ancient Roman Empire. Jesus did not stay far away from human pain, redeeming us at a safe distance. Rather, He passed directly through the worst possible physical suffering and spiritual abandonment, giving His life for the sake of us all. And God the Father raised Him up.

“Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise Him on the last day. For My Flesh is True Food and My Blood is True Drink. Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in Me and I in him.’” (John 6:53-56)

In this passage, St. John the Evangelist recounts an astonishing promise. Those who eat the Flesh and drink the Blood of Jesus will be so firmly united to Him that they will share His own life forever.

What an awesome gift! These words should cause us to marvel at what we receive through the Eucharist. It is truly the meal that brings us into union with our Savior and gives us His divine life, a life that will never pass away. Today, when we share in the Eucharist, eating the consecrated bread and drinking the consecrated wine, we receive the Body and Blood of the Risen Christ. We receive the life of Christ, so that we may remain with Him always. Our communion with God, through Jesus Christ, is stronger than death.

Jesus’ gift at the Last Supper and the message of the Resurrection also has a **social character**. As theologian Thomas Rausch has observed, “We do not come to heaven alone, but accompanied by others, those we have helped or hindered on the journey to eternal life, whose lives are now intertwined inseparably with our own.” The eucharistic banquet, shared with those in heaven and on earth, is a perfect image of our hope for eternal life. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms, “By the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.” (Catechism # 1326)

Fr. David L. Huffman

CONDOLENCES to our parishioners (burials in Calvary/Woodland Cemeteries):

KAREN KURTZ, 74, April 3, Sebastian, FL, Saturday June 10 (SJ); cousin of Mike Dietrich.

WAYNE HARMON, 76, Thursday, June 8, Monday, June 12 (SL); wife, Carol Harmon, daughters, Kim (Tony) Addis, Brenda Harmon.

RICHARD HUGHES, 87, May 28, Newark, OH, Tuesday, June 13 (burial only, Calvary Cemetery)

PEARL WILLIS, 89, Sunday, June 11, Thursday, June 15 (SJ)

JOHN LOGAN FRALEY, 74, Thursday, June 8, Friday, June 16 (SL); daughters Mariann Rogers, Cathy (Bill) Jackson, and Jodi (Jim) Dyer

WILLIAM “BILL” LAMBERT MARTIN, 69, Sunday, June 11, Thursday, June 15; sister, Mona Bundy

SCHOOL NEEDS: St. Joseph High School is accepting applications for the position of **girls varsity basketball coach**. Applications can be obtained in the high school office, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted through June 21. Any questions, please contact Greg Bryant, athletic director, at 740-479-1713.

LAST CALL: We are planning to take our Ironton Catholic Community Bus to the **Reconsecration of the Diocese of Steubenville**, on our 70th anniversary as a diocese, to be held in **Marietta, Ohio, on Saturday, June 24, 2017**. We have thirty one (31) seats on our bus; first-come, first-served basis. We plan to leave from our St. Joseph High School parking lot at 7:00 a.m. to be able to join the procession in Marietta at 10:30 a.m. The Mass with celebrant Bishop Monforton will be at 12 Noon. All are welcome to this historic event at NO COST! For more information, visit www.diosteub.org or call Sr. Mary Brigid @ (740) 317-5678



SOME IMPORTANT HISTORY: Next Friday, June 23, is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Mass every weekday at 8:00 a.m.)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart has been present since the time of the early Church. The Church Fathers considered Jesus’ Heart to be the source of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, symbolized by the blood and water that flowed from Jesus’ side at the Crucifixion. The devotion continued into the Middle Ages when Pope Innocent VI instituted a Mass for the Sacred Heart.

However, its great popularity as a devotion resulted from the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a young nun at the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial, France. On December 27, 1673, St. Margaret received the first of four great visions of Christ, in which He asked her to spread the devotion and described the practices connected to it. He revealed His great love for us, saying, “Behold this Heart which has so loved men that It spared nothing... to prove to them Its love.” At first her efforts were rejected, but in 1765 – seventy-five years after her death – Pope Clement XIII officially approved the devotion.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: If you were out of town last weekend, be sure to check **last weekend’s bulletin insert for a report** on the prize winners and, also, the names of many charitable donors to our Annual Charity Fair.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: “Catholic Community, thanks again for your continued support and donations to **Harvest for the Hungry Food Pantry**. Since we operate solely on donations, your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you.”

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Enclosed is my check for our Parish Life Center. It’s really exciting to drive by and see that it is becoming a reality! Recently I visited Notre Dame High School, Portsmouth, and marveled at their nice gym and saw a beautiful crucifix on the wall. Could you please make sure we have a crucifix in our new community center?” (name withheld, parishioner)

UPDATE: The total amount paid in the Ironton Catholic Schools **Building Fund** = **\$783,467.24** with additional unpaid pledges of **\$357,110.84** (that is, total pledges = **\$1,120,803.08**).