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May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter



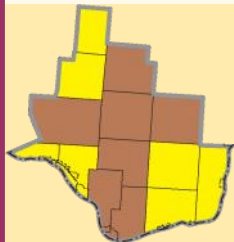
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who govern your flock
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grant in your boundless
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who will please you
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and to us
show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



"FOLLOW ME."

John 21:19



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- Any Time by Request
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SA – 5:30 Wednesdays
SJ – 6pm Wednesdays

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SJ – Wednesday's 2-5:15 pm
SA – Wed's 5:15pm & Fri's 8:45am

Rosary
SA – Saturday @ 4:30pm
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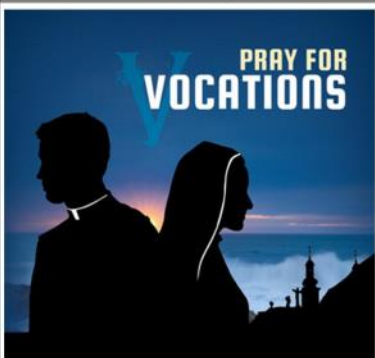


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New this week: Andy Whaley

If there are people who should be taken off this list, please let the office know.

CWC News:

CHESAPEAKE—3rd Thursday
Book Club at 1pm Chesapeake
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IRONTON—CWC Brooms &
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Nathaniel,
Christopher Alex*
and all of our Spiritual
Adoption Babies.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much.
I beg you, spare the life
of the unborn baby(ies),
that I have spiritually
adopted,
Who are in danger of
abortion. Amen
*by the Most Rev
Fulton J Sheen*

IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST —ST. JEROME

*A reminder that these questions invite reflection.
They don't have a definite answer.*

JOHN 21:1-14

1. Why do Peter and the others go fishing?
2. Why don't they recognize Jesus?
3. How willingly do they cast their nets again?
4. How does the disciple whom Jesus loved recognize Jesus?
5. Why does Peter jump into the water?
6. What all are the other disciples thinking and feeling?
7. What does everyone say and do as they eat?
8. What in this story connects with you?

JOHN 21:15-19

9. Do the others hear Jesus question Peter?
10. What all does Peter feel for Jesus?
11. What exactly is Jesus asking Peter to do?
12. When were you especially aware of your failings? Did you experience forgiveness for these failings?
13. What is God asking of you?

JOHN 21:1-14

The epilogue

John 21 was added to this Gospel, which explains inconsistencies like why the disciples are back in Galilee, why they've resumed their former lives, and why they don't recognize Jesus.

However, this chapter addresses important themes such as the mission of the early church, the importance of the Eucharist, the restoration of Peter, and Peter's responsibility for the community.

Cast your nets

The number **seven** represents wholeness or completion. These seven disciples thus represent all of Jesus' followers. They can't accomplish anything without him, however. Only by the power of his word are they successful.

These verses echo Luke 5:1-11, where a huge catch of fish represents the mission of the disciples. Now, having received the Holy Spirit (John 20), they must continue to draw others to Jesus. (Scholars aren't certain what the number **153** signifies.)

Bread of life

Just as Jesus fed the people in John 6, he now feeds the disciples. He not only sends them on mission, but nourishes them for the work ahead. Our celebration of the Eucharist also strengthens us to go forth and draw others to Christ.

JOHN 21:15-19

Forgiving and commissioning Peter

Three times during Jesus' trial, while standing around a charcoal fire (18:18), Peter denied knowing Jesus. Now Jesus formally restores Peter to good-standing. Three times Jesus asks **Simon**, (Peter's old name), to formally declare his love.

In John 10 Jesus spoke of himself as the good shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep. In John 13 Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as I have loved you. Jesus tells Peter to lead the church with this same self-sacrificing love.

Peter's future

Jesus contrasts the freedom Peter has enjoyed up to now with the demands of leadership. Peter was free to bind up his garment and jump from the boat into the water (v.7), but eventually he'll be bound by others and led to his death.

In John 13:36-38 Peter expressed his desire to follow and give his life for Jesus. Now that he's been forgiven and commissioned by the risen Lord, it's time to follow through on his profession of love. This love will lead to martyrdom.

PRAYER

adapted from Prayers for the Pope (Roman Missal, 1985)

God our Father,
source of eternal life and truth,
give to your shepherd Pope Francis
a spirit of courage and right judgment,
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing faithfully those entrusted to his care
may he, as successor to Peter,
build your Church into a sacrament
of unity, love, and peace for all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Adoration a time to commune
with our Lord:**

SJ Wednesday's—2-5:15

SA Wed.'s-5:15-6:15

& Fri 8:45-9:45

SA Bible Study Mondays @ 6pm &
Tuesdays @ 1pm. All are welcome!

St Ann CWC Rummage Sale dates this
year are June 6-7. As you do your
Spring decluttering, please keep that in
mind.

**SA will be having an
International Dinner**
after Saturday night
mass on May 17.



Please bring a covered dish entree or
side dish with an international flavor or
any favorite dish to share. Parish
Council will provide drinks, dessert
and breads. Please join us.

**Two Seminarians will be stationed in
Lawrence County this Summer.** Sam
Ivkovich & Riley Morris will be joining
us this summer. Riley will arrive
around May 10 and be leaving around

June 14. Sam will arrive around May
31 and be leaving around July 27.

Please continue to pray for vocations
for our Diocese.

Mass Time Change in IRONTON

At the April 15 meeting of the Parish
councils of SJ/SL, a motion and
discussion was presented to even out
the number of Masses shared
between SJ & SL. Since SJ now has a
5pm Sunday Mass, in an effort of
fairness, a motion was made and then
voted in by the Council to stop
rotating the Saturday Evening Mass
beginning the 1st Saturday in June.
Saturday evening Mass is now slated
to be full time at SL at 5:15pm
beginning Saturday June 7th. No
other changes were made to the Mass
schedule.

Mother Day Memorial Explained – Your
envelope packets have a Mother's day
Memorial envelope set for this weekend.
This is not a mistake. This envelope is to
Memorialize our Mother's, living and
deceased with names and their intentions
the weekend of Mother's day. All names
submitted will be published in the
Mother's Day Bulletin (*please write clearly
to help us with dictation*). The Mass

intentions for all of the Masses that
weekend will be for the Memorialized
Mothers. This same setup will also take
place this Father's day.

Altar Server Party



for all
servers of
the four
parishes will
be on
Wednesday
May 21 at
6:00pm at the Knights of
Columbus Hall. Please come and
spend a little time having fun and
eating. Sponsored by the KofC.

An atheist scientist came to God
and said, "We've figured out how
to make a man without you." God
said, "OK, let me see you do it." So
the atheist bent down to the
ground and scooped up a handful.
But God stopped him and said,
"Oh, no you don't. Get your own
dirt!"

DPSC UPDATE:	Goal	Pledged	% paid	Rebate \$	24/25 School Assessment
St Ann	22,841	16,660	59%	0	22,800
St Joseph	29,639	39,095	92%	9,456	84,000
St Lawrence	18,041	50,919	189%	32,878	84,000
St Mary	4,826	6,730	113%	1,904	14,700

DPSC rebates
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cover this cost.

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Loose	\$210	\$394	\$644	\$79
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Restoration/Bldg Fund		\$110	\$50	
Catholic Home Missions	\$80	\$295	\$1010	\$80
Good Friday/Holy Land			\$5	
Easter Offering		\$135	\$340	
Catholic Relief Service			\$100	
Mother's Day	\$235	\$385	\$115	\$45

Prayer for Priests

*Without the priest, there is no Eucharist;
without the Eucharist, there is no Church. Let
us pray for Vocations to the priesthood.*

5/4	Fr Walter Heinz
5/5	Fr Marty Holler
5/6	Msgr Don Horak
5/7	Fr Vince Huber
5/8	Msgr John Kolesar
5/9	Fr Tom Magary
5/10	Fr Joseph Massucci

5/11	5:15pm SL	5:30 pm SA	9 am SJ	9:30 SA	Noon SL	Noon SM
Lector:	B. Lutz	Jarvis	B. Canter	Arthur	R. Colegrove	
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6/8Mike & Allison

Fr Peter's Sunday Reflection

Theme: May we not lose the sight of our call and our vocation as Christians.

In the first reading of today we saw the apostles rejoicing for having been found worthy to share in the sufferings of Christ because of the way the Jewish authorities treated them. Their boldness to teach and preach the risen Christ came about after He visited them and gave them authority to preach through the power of the Holy Spirit. This boldness and power to preach Jesus is what we all received from the day we were baptized and in all the sacraments we receive as Christians.

So, we should be bold enough to proclaim Christ in season and out of season 2 Timothy 4:2. This is because what we have received is not the spirit of fear and intimidation Romans 8:15 and 2 Timothy 1:7. This was the reason why the apostles stood firm before the court and Sanhedrin and were able to defend their faith. 1 Peter 3:15, asked us to be ready to defend the faith and hope we have in Christ Jesus. The apostles never allowed themselves to be intimidated or silenced by the chief priests and the Sanhedrin. Let us not be ashamed to preach the truth of Christ.

In the gospel of today, we saw the apostles lamenting that even after having labored for the whole night, they caught nothing. This was because they left the primary duty of preaching the risen Lord for their own business. Christ told them in Mt 4:19 and Mark 1:17 that hence their business is only to catch men for him and not fish. However, when the Lord visited them, and when they obeyed the instructions of the Lord, they were able to catch huge amounts of fish, only by simple obedience to the word and instructions of the Lord.

Dear friends, through the obedience to the will, the commandments and instructions of God, our earthly problems will be solved, and God will continue to take care of his own. In 1 Sam 15:22-23 God said that what he desires more is our obedience and not sacrifice. If we do not obey God, we are being rebellious and if we are rebellious to God, it does not always end well.

Brothers and sisters, let us always focus on our call as Christians and be obedient to the commandments of God. Peter and his companions experienced frustrations because they abandoned their mission of catching men for Christ to do their own biddings. We fail most times because we are in the wrong place or doing the right thing at the wrong time. If we abandon the will of God and our call as Christians, we may labor in vain all night and all day long. Christ said in John 15:5 that apart, separate or cut off from me, you can do nothing. May our selfishness not separate us from Christ. Amen.

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

My name is Kate Rudmann, and I am a parishioner at Saint Lawrence. I have exciting news about where God is calling me to serve for the upcoming year!

Along with 140 other young men and women, I will spend this upcoming school year serving as a Catholic missionary for NET Ministries. For over 40 years, NET Ministries has shared the Gospel with over 2.2 million young people, allowing them to encounter the person of Christ through evangelization and discipleship.

As a NET Missionary, I am responsible for forming a team of ministry partners who will support the work of NET Ministries with monthly or one-time gifts totaling to a minimum of \$7,000-8,000. This support helps offset expenses for my training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. I am asking you to partner with me this year to help me reach this minimum funding goal. All gifts are tax-deductible. You can send gifts to NET Ministries at 110 Crusader Ave W, West Saint Paul, MN 55118-4427. Make checks payable to NET Ministries and indicate that the donation is for Kathryn Rudmann. You can also donate online at www.netusa.org/supportamissionary and select Kathryn Rudmann the team member box.

If you have any questions or would like more information you can contact me at (740)532-8940

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I am very grateful for the support I've received from the parishioners of this parish. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you remain in mine.

Sincerely,

Kate Rudmann



Updated Flyers baseball schedule

5/3 Ripley (2) 12:00

5/5 Clay 5:00

5/6 East 5:00

5/7 New Boston 5:00

5/9 @ East 5:00

5/13 Coal Grove 5:00

5/14 @ St. Patrick's 5:30

5/15 @ Southeastern 5:00

5/16 @ Symmes Valley 5:00

Kai Clark has received the Holzer Health System Science Award. One student is chosen from each high school in Lawrence, Scioto, and Gallia counties. Students are given this honor based upon their aptitude and interest in science. Kai has achieved this award for his achievement in all high level science classes at St. Joe and his pursuit of a career in Space Systems Engineering. The students, and their parents, were honored at a banquet held on April 15th at the Holzer Leadership and Innovation Institute in Gallipolis. Congratulations to Kai on this honor.



Hanging Basket Sale!

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Spiritual Adoption Babies

REMINDER - GIFTS FOR TWO HEARTS PREGNANCY CENTER: Please be sure and pick up a tag from our Giving Tree this weekend.

In keeping with our commitment to walk with mothers in need who have chosen life for their babies, we are asking that you donate a baby gift to Two Hearts Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Coal Grove and Ashland.

On the trees are tags suggesting a gift for to be donated. Or you may choose any other item (new or gently used item) that would be appropriate.

Please return the gifts to one of our churches next weekend, May 10/11.

There will be a cradle near the altar so that gifts can be placed in or near it. Thank you very much for your participation.

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Life's Healing Journey Retreat May 9-11 at St Ann 310 3rd Ave, Chesapeake, OH. The retreat will be led by Fr. Andrew Torma, MSC (Missionary of the Sacred Heart), who is based in Center Valley, Pa. A process of healing from inner hurts, conflicts and disappointments will be divided into seven talks, hymns or chants that match each topic, and small group sharing and prayer. "Jesus heals," says Fr. Torma, "if we invite him to work in our hearts and help us to forgive both ourselves and those who may have hurt us. Wounds suffered at any age, including early childhood, may fester inside us until we identify them, and release them into God's loving hands." The retreat is open to all. It is broadly Christian in scope and draws upon relevant scriptures. To register or to seek additional information, please phone the coordinator, John Patrick Grace, at 304-617-1292 or email him at publishersplace@gmail.com Cost for the retreat is \$65, which includes two breakfasts and one lunch, plus snacks.

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Sat. 5/3	SL—5:15 pm SA—5:30 pm	Katie Schwab (Frank & Mary Anne Laber) Msgr. Lawrence Luciana
Sunday 5/4	SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon SM—Noon SJ—5:00 pm	June Gagai (CWC) Intentions of Austin Metcalf Family Pat & Kathleen Sheridan (Molly, Tim & Kevin) Marianne Wissman (Wanda Holtzapfel & family) People of the 4 Parishes
Mon. 5/5	8:00 am—SJ	Cindy Holmes (Freda Rose Holmes)
Tues. 5/6	8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA	Joy Lester (Feed Your Faith Team) Jack & Ann Chapman (Ann Chapman)
Wed. 5/7	8:00 am—SJ 5:30 pm—SJ 6:30 pm—SA	Fred Anson (Family) Aunt "Nookie" Woodrum (Jennifer, Elaine & Julie) Those Struggling with Addiction
Thur. 5/8	8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA	Lori Thomas (Moose/Monica Mahlmeister) Special Intention "A"
Fri. 5/9	8:00 am—SJ 8:15 am—SA	Bill Kinney (Bernadette & family) TSO #3
Sat. 5/10	9:00 am—SJ SL—5:15pm SA—5:30pm	Fr. Charlie Moran All our Mother's Living and Deceased All our Mother's Living and Deceased
Sunday 5/11	SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon SM—Noon SJ—5:00 pm	All our Mother's Living and Deceased All our Mother's Living and Deceased All our Mother's Living and Deceased All our Mother's Living and Deceased All our Mother's Living and Deceased



Daily Readings

5/4—3rd Sunday of Easter—Acts 5:27-32 40b-41, Ps 30:2 4 5-6 11-12 13 (2a), Rv 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19

5/5—Acts 6:8-15, Ps 119:23-24 26-27 29-30, Jn 6:22-29

5/6—Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a, Ps 31:3cd-4 6 & 7b and 8a 17 and 21ab, Jn 6:30-35

5/7—Acts 8:1b-8, Ps 66:1-3a 4-5 6-7a, Jn 6:35-40

5/8—Acts 8:26-40, Ps 66:8-9 16-17 20, Jn 6:44-51

5/9—Acts 9:1-20, Ps 117:1bc 2, Jn 6:52-59

5/10—Acts 9:31-42, Ps 116:12-13 14-15 16-17, Jn 6:60-69

5/11—4th Sunday of Easter—Acts 13:14 43-52, Ps 100:1-2 3 5, Rv 7:9 14b-17, Jn 10:27-30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/6 10am SL walk through for Council Members & Sub-Committees
6pm SA CWC Mting—Hall
- 5/7 10:30 Adoration & Rosary SL
7:15 SA Parish Council Mting—Hall
- 5/8 10am Adoration & Rosary SJ
12:30 SA Lunch & Learn
- 5/9-11 Retreat @ SA
- 5/10 8am KofC Golf Outing
Riley Arrives in Ironton for Summer
- 5/11 MOTHER'S DAY**
- 5/12 4:30 School Board Mting—SJHS
- 5/13 1:15 SLES/SJHS May Crowning @ SL
7pm Rosary & May Crowning @ Shrine
- 5/14 9am SLES 6th Grade Mulch Cemetery
6:30pm Ironton Parish Council—PLC
- 5/15 SLES 6th Gr Mulch Cemetery (rain day)
6:30 4th Degree Mting—Hall
7pm KofC Mting—Hall
- 5/17 6:30 International Potluck @ SA**
- 5/18 2nd Collection for the Poor**
- 5/21 6pm Server Party @ KofC



CONGRATULATIONS to our PSR Students

This past weekend, as part of their last class, they honored our Blessed Mother with flowers and finished their collection for *Food for the Poor* collecting over \$200. May you have a restful summer.