

**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 (formerly the SL convent)

**Monday, March 8**  
 8:00 a.m. (SL) Members of Helbling Family (Estate)  
 (SL) Health of Dorris Meredith (Tony & Carol Moran)



**Tuesday, March 9**  
 8:00 a.m. (SL) Bett Family (Jeanne Rice)  
 (SL) Needy Poor & World Peace (Steve & Karen)

**Wednesday, March 10**  
 8:00 a.m. (SL) For the terminally ill, the healing and strengthening of cancer patients and families  
 (SL) Walter Wilson (Friends)

11:00 a.m. (SL) **NO MASS**  
 6:00 p.m. (SJ) William Thomas (St. Mary Respiratory Staff)

**Thursday, March 11**  
 8:00 a.m. (SL) Jake Scherer (June & Angy Gagai)  
 (SL) Special Intention (Joe & Karen Unger)

11:00 a.m. (SJ) **NO MASS**  
**Friday, March 12**  
 8:00 a.m. (SL) Norita Corn (Eileen & Leo Unger)  
 (SL) Members of the Community (Pastor)

**Saturday, March 13**  
 5:15 p.m. (SL) Kellie Haas (Ralph Haas)  
**Sunday, March 14**  
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) In Thanksgiving (Tom & Rosie Sinnott)  
 9:00 a.m. (SM) Special Intention (Jim & Jenny Riley)  
 Noon (SL) Helen Sierer (Terri & Ron Figliro)

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

	St. Joseph	St. Lawrence	St. Mary
Adults.....	\$2,613.00	\$2,678.00	\$480.00
Children .....	5.00		
Loose.....	287.00	302.95	47.00
Votive Lights .....	138.65		9.50
Steub. Register.....	180.00	30.00	10.00
Rice Bowl.....	40.00	127.00	18.00
Prop. of Faith.....	60.00	6.00	
Church in Eastern Europe		25.00	
Donation .....	200.00		
Total .....	\$3,523.65	\$3,168.95	\$564.50

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

**MINISTERS FOR MARCH 13 & 14, 2010**

**ST. JOSEPH:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Holy Communion:** Michael Dietrich, June Gagai, Jennifer Rowe, Mike Haas, Nancy Haas, Laura Jones  
**Lector:** Tim Rist  
**Gifts:** John & Carla Geswein  
**Servers:** Glennie Hopkins, Ivie Hopkins, Levi Hopkins, Sydney Wain  
**Greeters:** Bob & Ann Nelson  
**ST. LAWRENCE:** 5:15 p.m.  
**Holy Communion:** Paul Webb, Pam Weber, Molly Blackstock, Colleen Scharfenberg, Jim Woods, Mike McFann, Fred Weber, Daryl & Colleen Scharfenberg family  
**Lector:** Megan Scharfenberg  
**Gifts:** Blake Balestra  
**Servers:** Joseph Unger  
**Noon**  
 Arlene Basedow, William Basedow, Maria Whaley, Jennifer Triplett, Susan Brown, Jim Colegrove, John Schwab, Kim Addis family, Jacob Isaac, Trey Clark, Anthony Whaley

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010**

**4th Sunday of Lent**  
 Lectionary Number: 31A ("Second Scrutiny" p. 125)  
**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13 God does not judge by appearance; He looks into the heart as David is anointed king.  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14 Paul gives hope to the people living in darkness. Christ will give them light.  
**Gospel:** John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth. There is a difference between physical sight and spiritual insight.

**YEAR OF THE PRIEST: (Without the priest, there is no Eucharist; without the Eucharist, there is no Church!):**  
 3/07 Fr. Bill Cross; 3/08 Msgr. John Cymbor; 3/09 Msgr. Kenneth Uram; 3/10 Msgr. Mark Froehlich; 3/11 Fr. Francis Dankoski; 3/12 Msgr. Bill Myers; 3/13 Fr. Tom Marut; 3/14 Fr. Walter Heinz

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, March 6**  
 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Mass at Summit Prison (Ashland, KY)  
 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SL)  
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SL)  
**Sunday, March 7**  
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ & SM)  
 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. – Parish School of Religion (SL School)  
 12 Noon – Mass (SL)

**Monday, March 8**  
 6:30 p.m. – ORVYC  
**Tuesday, March 9**  
 11:00 a.m. – Meeting of priests of Nativity Deanery (Gallipolis, OH)  
 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting (SLAC)  
 7:00 p.m. – Women's Choir practice (SJ)

**Wednesday, March 10**  
 10:00 a.m. – Penance Service (SLES students and others) (SL)  
 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration (SJ)  
 6:00 p.m. – Mass (SJ) (NOTE: 6:00 p.m.!)  
 7:00 p.m. – RCIA, Lessons #30 & #33



**Thursday, March 11**  
 11:00 a.m. – NO Mass (SJ)  
 7:00 p.m. – Men's Choir practice (SJ)  
**Friday, March 12**  
 11:00 a.m. – Stations of the Cross (SJ)  
 3:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (SL) (Confessions)  
 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (SJ) (Confessions)



**Saturday, March 13**  
 (Elections to Pastoral Council – all weekend Masses)  
 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Mass at Summit Prison (Ashland, KY)  
 4:15 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation (SL)  
 5:15 p.m. – Mass (SL)  
**Sunday, March 14 (Daylight Savings Time Begins)**  
 9:00 a.m. – Mass (SJ & SM)  
 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. – Parish School of Religion (SL School)  
 12 Noon – Mass (SL)  
 4:00 p.m. – SEARCH Team Prayer & Meeting (SLAC)

**OUR SICK:** Sharon Adams, Dan Blair, Rhonda Colegrove, Hildy Crawford, Cindy Holmes, Al Johnson, Dorris Meredith, Sharon Odekirk, Pat Payton, Dick Rice and all others recovering from illness or surgery.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Friday, March 12,** will be prayed at 11:00 a.m. (SJ) (for SJHS students and any others), 3:00 p.m. (SL) and 7:00 p.m. (SJ). The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is available after these afternoon and evening Stations of the Cross. (All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and also days of special penance.)



**SPIRITUAL WELLNESS AND LENT, A TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Have you ever heard of something called a wellness program? The idea is to develop a lifestyle that will keep you healthy and make you less vulnerable to illnesses that require a doctor's attention. A good wellness program will include a balanced diet, regular exercise, the right vitamin supplements, and regular physical checkups.



**Lent is a special time for a spiritual wellness program.** It will include prayer, fasting and concern for others. Through these we are invited to seek the Lord more deeply and to live a life style that shows God's goodness to us. Jesus told us that the more we empty ourselves and give to other people, the more room we have to receive the good things that God has in store for us. And His storeroom will never run out, for He is a God of infinite resources! In addition to this, God's eternal rewards are bountiful, too.

There was a dedicated old priest who had always wondered what the real difference was between heaven and hell. One day, he had a dream in which God showed him. First, God showed him hell. The old priest was flabbergasted to find no flames, no horned, pointy-tailed devils – only crowds of angry people pressing around long picnic tables. At each place was a large wooden bowl of food and ten-foot-long wooden spoons. Pushing and shoving to find places at the tables, the angry people managed to get their long spoons into the bowls - but they were unable to turn the spoons around and get them into their mouths. Their frustration and the accompanying bitterness and bickering were sheer hell! Then the old priest was given a glimpse of heaven. He was amazed to discover the same massive picnic tables, the same huge wooden bowls of food, and the same ten-foot-long wooden spoons. But in heaven there was a spirit of peace, thoughtfulness, even joy. In heaven, the people were feeding one another.

During this holy season we are challenged to embrace a new attitude toward God and one another, an attitude based on compassion, generosity, forgiveness, and justice, an attitude centered not in self but in the common good. Such is the holiness that Christ calls us to adopt in our lives if we are to be true sons and daughters of the Father, true brothers and sisters to one another, true disciples of Jesus.

*Fr. David L. Huffman*

**REMINDER FOR NEXT SATURDAY: Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday, March 13,** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marietta to strengthen our men spiritually during the Lenten Season. The principal speaker is Chris Horn, former National Football League wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers. Deacon Ralph Poyo, another dynamic speaker is also "on the team" for this Day of Renewal. (The cost is \$20 per person; lunch will be provided.) For more information about this Day of Renewal, please pick up a flyer at the church entrance or call the rectory @ 532-0712. You can register directly by calling (740) 635-2101 or email swi167@comcast.net

**NOTE: Daylight Savings Time** begins early next Sunday morning, the 14th. Don't forget that we lose an hour as we "spring ahead" one hour.



**THANK YOU!** The Annual Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign for 2010 is underway. Please allow me to express our deep appreciation to all who pledged for the **2009 Diocesan Parish Share Pledges (DPSC)** and sent us flying past our goal; thus earning substantial rebates for Catholic Community needs. **You should receive a mailing** from our parish office this week for the 2010 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign. (Thank you to those who already pledged during the Advanced Gifts Phase of the Campaign.)

**SACRIFICE DURING LENT:** In 1975, Catholic Relief Services founded **Operation Rice Bowl!** This Lenten program invites all of us to place a cardboard container (given out recently) in our homes, and put in it the money that's saved because of our fasting and the things we give up for Lent... even for a 25¢, fine for gossip or inappropriate words spoken at work or in the office. At the end of Lent, the Rice Bowl is brought to Sunday Mass and placed in the special container provided or in the collection. Why a rice bowl? It is a reminder that two-thirds of the world's inhabitants live on half-a-bowl of rice each day.

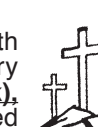
**CWC NEWS:** "Laughter is a smile that bursts!" Bring your favorite joke to share at the next meeting and make our smiles "burst." The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.,** (Note the date change!) in the CWC meeting room.

The cupboards are bare! CWC has planned a "Kitchen Shower" for our March meeting. Each member is asked to bring an item(s) useful in the kitchen, restroom or meeting room, i.e. hand soap, dish detergent, dish towels, cleaning supplies, etc. All Ladies in the Ironton/Pine Grove Catholic Community are invited to attend and participate. The 5th Street entrance will be opened.

The **CWC Rummage Sale** is coming up. Think Spring! It's time to clean your closets. The Rummage Sale will be Saturday, April 10. You may bring your items (no electric or baby equipment) on Wednesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 8 - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT:** This Lent do something positive for God and your relationship. Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend and let God enrich your sacrament. Develop the communication skills and romance so necessary today. What has been working in 80 countries and for over 40 years can work for you! Attend the April 16-18 Weekend at the Cambria Suites in Green, Ohio (near Canton, Ohio). For information or reservations call (330) 305-9963 or email WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net Don't wait. Weekends fill up fast. Or check our website at WWME.org

**CHRISM MASS:** The annual Chrism Mass with Bishop Conlon will be celebrated at St. Mary Church, Marietta, on **Tuesday (of Holy Week), March 30.** Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. to be followed by refreshments in their undercroft. The Chrism Mass celebrates the blessing of the Holy Oils for each church for the next 365 days. All priests of the area renew their promises to serve their people... all of you are invited and encouraged to attend. Please sign up on the list at the church entrance if you would like to go to Marietta with us... in cars, a van or a bus.



**YOUR LENTEN NAIL: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.** If you did not receive a little card with a nail on Ash Wednesday, please pick up one at the church entrance. (They were very popular and more than 700 were given out. We ran short so extra ones have been prepared.) You are invited to bring your nail to church anytime during the day on **Good Friday and "nail it" to the large cross** you will find near the sanctuary. (Reminder: On Good Friday, April 2, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church and Venerate the Cross at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) after both services. Why not unite your Lenten sacrifice with that of our Lord by "making a good confession" to be followed by your driving your nail into the cross - hammers will be provided. (People have volunteered to do this for you if you choose to place your nail in the basket provided.)

**Ironton Catholic Schools February Sweepstakes Winners**

- \$ 500.00 Gretchen Cunningham – Ironton, OH
- \$ 300.00 Carolyn Coffman – Kitts Hill, OH
- \$ 150.00 Melissa Kellogg – Ironton, OH
- \$ 100.00 Tyler Clyse – Ironton, OH
- \$ 50.00 Gail Alley – Lucasville, OH

