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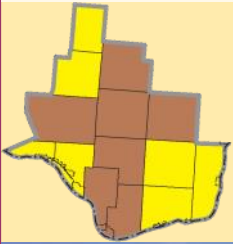
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Congratulations Mason Holtzapfel

on being selected as a winner of the Chrism Mass Essay Contest! Thank you very much for your outstanding essay. Your love for the Church and for serving the Mass shows in your writing. Mason will be joining the other two Essay Winners who will serve alongside the seminarians at the Chrism Mass.

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your Son. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.
Amen

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New this week: Tracey Pabrazinsky, Karen Shaffer

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I beg you, spare the life
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Who are in danger of
abortion. Amen
by the Most Rev
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IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST

—ST. JEROME

LUKE 19:28-40

Reading closely

1. What is the significance of Jesus' destination?
2. What might the two disciples be thinking as they carry out Jesus' instructions?
3. What all might the colt's owners think as the two disciples lead their animal away?
4. For what all do the disciples praise God as Jesus enters the city?
5. Do the words of praise sound familiar?
6. Why do you think the Pharisees tell Jesus to silence his disciples?
7. How does creation praise Jesus?

Living the word

8. How would you describe a world that was at peace?
9. How would people have to change in order to live in a perfectly peaceful world?
10. What are some differences between avoiding conflict and being a person of peace?

The king of peace

When Luke adapted this story from Mark's Gospel, he made changes that emphasize how Jesus' kingship is one of peace for the whole world and not a military advance for the Jews.

- there is no mention of *hosanna* nor of palm branches; both of these elements were used in Jewish celebrations of nationhood
- Luke adds *peace in heaven and glory in the highest* to show that Jesus' reign extends well beyond Israel; this song also recalls the host of angels who sang at the birth of Jesus (2:13-14)

Earlier Jesus didn't want his followers to publicly call him *Messiah* (9:20f), but now the time has come for him to confront the rulers of Jerusalem — both the religious leaders and the Romans. These rulers will reject and kill the king of peace, but that won't stop him from reigning nor will it silence his followers. Instead, all creation will praise Jesus for his gift of peace: *the stones will cry out!*

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 19:28-40

The colt

By entering Jerusalem on a colt, Jesus alludes to a prophecy in which Jerusalem receives a king who brings peace to every nation (Zechariah 9:9-10). Jesus symbolically proclaims that he is that non-violent king who will reign over God's kingdom of peace.

There are two explanations for why Jesus wanted a colt on which no one had sat.

- it was customary for no one but the king to ride the king's horses
- animals used for ritual or sacred purposes weren't supposed to be used for anything else (Numbers 19:2; Deuteronomy 21:3)

The disciples vs. the crowd

It's odd that after welcoming Jesus into their city people later want to crucify him. Luke avoids this perplexing change of heart by writing that Jesus' many disciples sing for joy. The inhabitants of Jerusalem are observers and not participants in Jesus' dramatic arrival.

Jerusalem, rebellious city

Jesus' way of peace wasn't the means by which Jews expected God to free Israel. Many expected some kind of military victory. Jesus rejected this. He repeatedly warned that violent rebellion would lead only to the city's downfall (13:34f, 19:41f, 23:28f). In 70 AD the city finally did fall when Rome prevailed over a Jewish rebellion.

PRAYER

*adapted from the Opening Prayers for Palm Sunday
(Roman Missal, 1985)*


Almighty, ever-living God,
you have given us Jesus Christ our Savior as a
model of humility, gentleness and self-giving love.
He fulfilled your will by becoming human and
giving his life on the cross.
Through his life, death, and resurrection
all creation has been freed from sin and death.
Guide our minds by his truth and
strengthen our lives by the example of his death
that we may live in union with you
in the kingdom of your promise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

C/C Ladies Night Out

There will be a local pilgrim walk on 5/1 to St Joseph Church, a Pilgrimage site here in our Diocese. It will begin at the Fatima Shrine and end at the church. Adoration will be available for those desiring to walk spiritually (aka not walk) beginning at 3pm. Confession will be offered beginning at 6pm and a Pilgrim Mass will be offered

Dear friends in Christ, today's event ushers us into the holiest of the weeks of the church and of the year. This period stands out among all other weeks of the year. It is the time when we re-enact the salvific events of Christ for the sake of uniting us once more with God.

Dear friends, the passion of Jesus should touch us, because the crucifixion of Jesus was not just brought about by the cruel soldiers of the Romans and Jewish leaders but by our own sins. Anytime we sin against God, anytime we act inhumanely to man, we sin against God, and we crucify Christ the second time. His crucifixion and death should make us flee from sin and run to Him in the sacrament of reconciliation just like Peter did and ask for forgiveness and God will welcome us back because He will not abandon His own nor let His beloved know decay. Through the passion of Jesus, we receive forgiveness, and through His wounds we are healed, Isaiah 53:5. Amen

13 SJ 8:15 Conf. Mass at 9am SA 8:45 Conf. Mass at 9:30 SL 11:15 Conf. Mass at Noon SM 11:30ish Conf. Mass at Noon SJ 4:15 conf Mass at 5pm	14 8am—SJ 2pm Chrism Mass @ St Mary's in Marietta OH	15 8am—SJ Mass 10:30 SJHS Tenebrae @ SJ Noon Mass—SA	16 8:00—SJ Mass 10:30am—SL Mass 2-5:15 Adoration SJ 5:30pm Mass—SJ 5:15-6:15 Adoration SA 6:30pm Mass—SA	17 HOLY THURDAY 7pm Mass SA Prayer till 10pm 7pm Mass SJ Prayer till 10pm	18 GOOD FRIDAY  2pm-3 Confession SL 3pm Stations—SL 7pm SA Service 7pm SJ Service	19 HOLY SATURDAY 10am RCIA Prac SL Noon—Blessing of Food SL & SA Easter Vigil 8:30 SA 8:30 SL
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THE LAMPLIGHTER

Quarter Three Edition

St. Joseph Central Catholic High School

Ironton, Ohio

ST. JOE AMONG THE STARS

By Alex Gnau

On Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29, the students of St. Joseph put on the show of a lifetime! One in attendance could see dances, songs, instrumentals, and skits based on students' favorite Hollywood hits. This variety show marked the 49th for the school, and many of the students and audience members viewed it as the best in recent years.

The first act kicked off with a dance introducing the television-oriented theme followed by a skit showing some familiar

faces in our favorite movie roles. As we moved through the first half of the show, the audience witnessed songs from the hit musicals *Mamma Mia!*, *West Side Story*, and *Beaches*. We started off the second act with "Cruisin' for a Bruisin'" from *Teen Beach Movie*, and this was followed up by the girls singing "All I Want" from *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series*. This half was finished with a school-based skit, the seniors singing "Good Riddance" by *Green Day*, and the entire cast and crew singing "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You."

The students worked for several weeks before the show creating the theme, skits, and deciding on dances and songs. They practiced after school for hours, honing their dancing and singing skills. The scripts for the skits put on at the show were completely written by the students with the guidance of adult advisors. This show was truly a labor of love, and it was amazing to see what they put together and all the work they did to



make this show happen.

As the seniors finish out the rest of their year, they can look back fondly upon the last three years of variety shows and have hope and excitement for variety shows in the future. The rest of the cast and crew wish them well in their future endeavors, and we all look forward to seeing what they accomplish. Good luck to our wonderful seniors!



A JOURNEY OF FAITH

By Ian Whaley and Blake Medinger

A group of senior and junior students from St. Joseph High School went on a transformative Catholic retreat to Damascus, a retreat center in Centerburg, Ohio. Accompanied by Mrs. Whaley, Mrs. Johnson and Father Morris, students spent three days focusing on their faith. Damascus, known for inspiring the younger generations to grow spiritually and to strengthen its relationship with God, offers varying programs throughout the year available to high-school students, college students, and even adults!

For the St. Joseph students, the retreat was not only an opportunity to deepen their love for

God but also to bond with classmates, to learn to engage in prayer, and to reflect on their own spiritual journeys. The theme of the retreat, "Made for More," taught the students that God has great plans for each person he creates. Love, encounter, self-identity, and mission were all focus points of talks and reflections from Damascus youth leaders.

The trip was packed with a variety of activities designed to engage with the kids, including Adoration, Mass, Confession, youth-led talks, and unlimited games!! Students also had the chance to participate in smaller group discussions where they reflected on messages, shared personal testimonies, and explored challenges they face as young

Christians in an ever-changing world.

As they returned home, many of the students expressed their desire to continue strengthening their faith and to inspire others to do so as well. They were reminded that faith is not just something that is taught but something that is lived. By taking time to step away from the noise and distractions of everyday life, students gained a new appreciation of the Catholic life.



Congratulations to Brayden Neal, Kaidy Wilds, Troy Erlenwein, and Finley Clyse who were awarded the Sons of the American

Revolution Good Citizen Award. This award is given to students who exhibit dependability, cooperation, leadership, patriotism, and cleanliness of speech and habit.

OBJECTION!

By Alex Gnau

Mock Trial has a nearly thirty-year history at St. Joe, longer than at any other school in the county. Historically, St. Joe has had a very competitive team and is known as a tough opponent among schools in the area. Currently, the team is legally advised by Judge Maria Goldcamp-Hodges, Mr. Joseph Merkel, and Mr. Kevin McCown. During Judge Goldcamp-Hodges's time as head coach, she has seen the team to nine district competitions, seven regional competitions, and one state competition. This year, the team has grown to eleven dedicated members who practiced hard for months before the district competition held on January 17 in Portsmouth, OH. Unfortunately, the team did not advance as it narrowly lost to an accomplished Wheelersburg team. Samuel Walker was recognized as an Outstanding Attorney, while Kylie Tedrick and Ian Whaley were recognized as Outstanding Witnesses.



WE GOT SPIRIT!

By Mylee Ferguson

We're back again for another exciting cheer season! The cheerleaders supported our basketball team with a positive energy and plenty of school spirit! "Thanks!" to our coach, Sarah Aldridge, who stepped up to the plate to make sure we had a cheer squad. She

says, "I did not want to see St. Joe lose another girls' sport, and cheerleading is always something I didn't want to see go away." Even though we had a lot of fun memories and laughs this season, Sarah taught us responsibility, teamwork, and about being better people. We would also love to give a huge "Thank you!" to our seniors, Mia Weber and Molly Walker. "I loved coming back for my senior year to be with the other girls and cheering on our boys in my favorite sport," says our senior cheerleader, Mia Weber. "I am going to miss cheering for St. Joe, but I am so grateful for all these girls and the memories I got to share with them," says our other senior Molly Walker. Even though the cheer season had a late start, the girls came together very quickly and worked very hard to make this season a good one! Until next year!



The Saint Joseph homecoming court took place on Tuesday, January 21. The freshman attendant was Kylie Tedrick, escorted by Gus Listerman. The sophomore attendant was Kate Neel, escorted by Eli Whaley. The junior attendant was Josie Pauley, escorted by Carson Willis. The senior attendants were Molly Walker and Kenzie Wilds escorted respectively by Kai Clark and Aiden Deborde.

TeacherSpotlight

By Josie Pauley



Mrs. Colegrove is the middle-school religion teacher at St. Joseph. She has worked here for eleven years, but she taught Religion Education for more than 15 years beforehand. Some of her hobbies include biking, swimming, walking, reading, visiting Catholic Churches, jigsaw puzzles, and collecting nun and priest statues. Mrs. Colegrove's favorite part of teaching is being able to step out of the book to relate life sequences to whatever the students may be learning. She loves being able to lay a good foundation for her students' lives and seeing someone's spirit being awakened.



Mrs. Whaley has been the high-school religion teacher at Saint Joseph since 2001. She has many different hobbies, including walking her dogs, yard work, and spending time with her granddaughter. Her favorite courses to teach are scriptural studies and Catholic social teaching because she "likes to see God's revelation join together with practical application in daily life." Her favorite part of teaching is seeing connections between knowledge and application beginning to take root. Mrs. Whaley is a very important asset for our school. She sincerely wants every student to love his/her faith.



Mrs. Johnson is the art teacher at Saint Joseph. She started teaching here in 2001 but took a break from 2007-10 when her son was born, but started teaching again in 2010 and has been here ever since. She loves teaching any level of art but specifically enjoys drawing, photography, and art history. Her hobbies include cooking and scrapbooking. She sees scrapbooking as a way to use her skills to preserve memories. Mrs. Johnson's favorite parts about teaching include being able to watch her students' reactions to a new art medium and new skills. She also uses her skills to help students with prom and the variety show.

QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

By Ian Whaley

Q. If you could be an expert at something, what would you choose?

- 7th Grader Brock Cumpton told us, "You already know that I'm picking basketball. I'm going to the N.B.A. to cross up LeBron!!"
- 8th Grader Mitchell Heighton said, "Obviously I'm picking golf so I can go to the PGA tour and win that thing, boy!!"
- Freshman Lily Delong replied, "How cool would it be to be an expert at EVERY instrument and be an expert singer? Then you could make music for everyone!"
- Sophomore Georgia Stephenson answered, "Interesting... can I choose to be an expert at math? That way I wouldn't have to worry about a test again!"
- Junior Carter Johnson shared, "Oh that's a good one. I'd want to be an expert lawyer so I could get the best job and get rich."
- Senior Sam Walker said, "I would be a master debater so I could destroy all of my enemies in any argument!! Hahaha!"

DPSC UPDATE:	Goal	Pledged	% paid	Rebate \$	24/25 School Assessment
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St Lawrence	18,041	45,686	155%	27,645	84,000
St Mary	4,826	6,230	94%	1,404	14,700

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4/19 Easter Vigil 8:30 pm SL 8:30 pm SA

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4/17 - Holy Thursday 7pm SJ 7pm SA

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4/18 Good Friday 7pm SJ 7m SA

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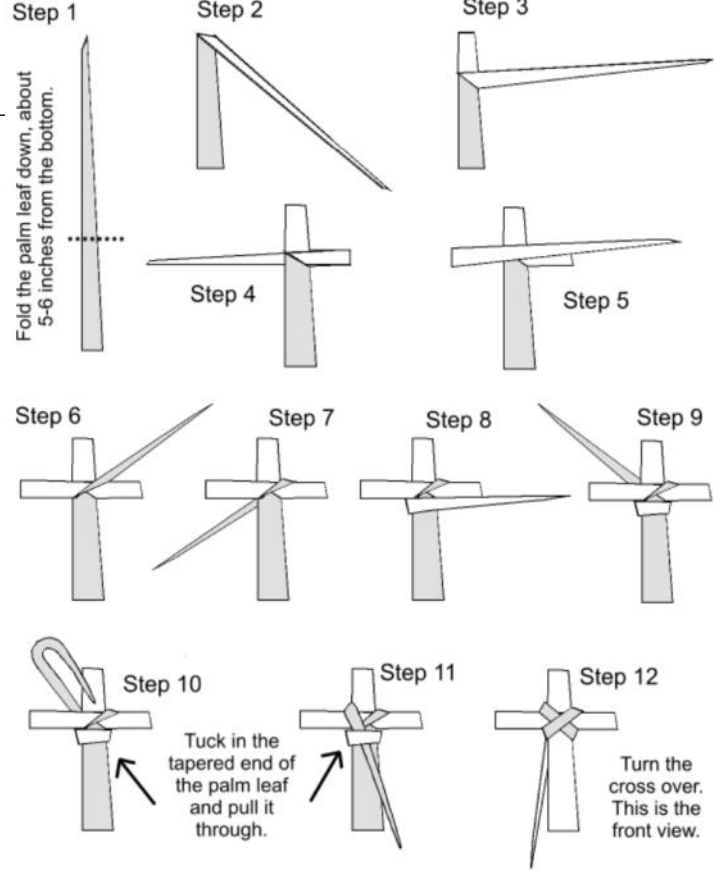
Prayer for Priests

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

4/13 Fr Tim Huffman
4/14 Fr Fred Kihm
4/15 Fr Tim Kozak
4/16 Fr Tom Marut
4/17 Fr Ed Maxfield
4/18 Fr Drake McCalister
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4/20 - Easter 8am SM 9:30 SJ 9:30 SA Noon SL

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Our Sunday Readings

for Holy Thursday:
 Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
 Exodus 12:1-8, 15-18
 Psalm 116:1-2, 3, 15-18
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-15
 for the Easter Vigil: Luke 24:1-12

Making Sense

HOLY THURSDAY: JOHN 13:1-15

Reading closely

1. How do you imagine the setting?
2. What all might the disciples feel?
3. What all might Jesus feel?
4. What all could the disciples be expecting?
5. Why do you think Judas lets the devil in?
6. How do you think each disciple reacts as Jesus starts washing people's feet?
7. How do you think the disciples feel when Jesus says his actions are a model to follow?
- Living the word**
8. What actions today are like washing someone's feet?
9. Why is Jesus' model hard to follow?
10. What limits do you set as you try to follow Jesus?

HOLY THURSDAY: JOHN 13:1-15

His hour to be lifted up

Some people call the first part of John's Gospel *The Book of Signs* because in it Jesus works signs that reveal he is from God. The second half, *The Book of Glory*, starts with chapter 13, when Jesus' hour has come. Jesus' hour is his crucifixion and resurrection, one inseparable action.

Nasty feet

In a world of sandals and unpaved roads, feet got quite dirty. The job of washing feet was relegated to slaves. It might also be done by someone who wanted to express love and devotion to others.

A symbolic action

Jesus turns the washing of feet into a symbolic gesture in order to help his disciples interpret his crucifixion. This story, unique to John's Gospel, shows how Jesus, whose status makes him worthy of the highest honor, assumes the role of the least among us. Those who wish to follow him to glory must treat others with the same selfless, even degrading love.

Peter misunderstands

In the other Gospels Peter rebukes Jesus for speaking about his forthcoming suffering. Here Peter acts similarly by refusing to let his master act like a slave. Jesus explains that true disciples follow his example of humility and sacrifice.

Peter is already *clean* because he and the others (except Judas) believe in Jesus. They must keep believing despite all that will happen next, and they must imitate their master in everything.

EASTER VIGIL: LUKE 24:1-12

Entering the word

1. Imagine that you're one of the women who go to Jesus' tomb.
 - a. What all are you thinking and feeling when you wake up that morning?
 - b. How do you meet up with the others?
 - c. Do you speak to each other as you walk?
 - d. How long is your walk? Is the path rough or smooth?
 - e. What are you carrying?
 - f. Do your feelings change as you approach the tomb?
 - g. Describe the tomb and its surroundings.
 - h. What do you say and do when you discover Jesus' body is missing?
 - i. What all is going on inside you when the two men in *dazzling garments* appear?
 - j. What do you remember of Jesus' words?
 - k. What, if anything, do you say to the others as you leave the tomb?
 - l. Why do you go to the male disciples?
 - m. What all do the male disciples say when you tell them what happened?
 - n. How do you feel about the way they react?
 - o. Do you talk with Peter?
2. What about this story most stands out to you?
3. Have you gotten used to the story of Jesus' resurrection, or does it startle and amaze you?
4. How readily do you share the story of Jesus?
5. Have people ever scoffed at you for sharing and/or living the gospel?

EASTER VIGIL: LUKE 24:1-12

The empty tomb

Opponents of early Christianity had as much trouble believing that a person could be raised from the dead as people do today. Some claimed that Jesus didn't really die (which begs the question of where he went) or that his disciples went to the wrong tomb.

Luke thus emphasizes that Jesus has truly died (23:53). He also notes that the women know exactly where Jesus' tomb is and have even seen Jesus' body placed inside it (23:55).

Telling tales

Some Jews at this time believed that God would raise the just to eternal life, but only when he exercised final judgment over the earth. No Jew expected a lone individual to rise from the dead. The women are thus puzzled when they find the tomb empty. The other disciples think their story is an *idle tale* or *nonsense*. Peter is *amazed*.

Remembering what Jesus said

The two men dressed in radiant clothes are angels, heavenly messengers who help the women understand what has happened, though first they scold the women for expecting to find Jesus dead.

The angels recall Jesus' own words. Although Jesus had said that he would be killed and raised up, his followers couldn't understand what he meant. Now that it's all happened, the women remember his words and try to share the good news.

From Jerusalem

Jesus' ministry began in Galilee and ended in Jerusalem. In Luke's Gospel the appearances of the risen Jesus all happen in Jerusalem. In the Book of Acts the early church grows outward from there.

As the church expands, Luke shows how new communities remain linked with the church's birthplace. Converts who had opposed the church or each other become unified. Thus, faith in Jesus, the king of peace who offered his life in Jerusalem, fosters unity and peace among his followers.

PRAYER

Father,
 look with love upon your people,
 the love which our Lord Jesus Christ showed us when he delivered himself to death and suffered the agony of the cross.
 Forgive us when we fail to imitate his perfect love.
 Reveal the ways we must still grow as disciples.
 Give us the strength to continue following his way of humility, reconciliation, and peace.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 our Lord and giver of peace. Amen.



Congratulations to our winners at the Marshall University Academic SCORES Festival on April 4th.
Front Row L-R:

◇Blake Medinger - 1st Place Human Resources Management The Game of Life and 1st Place School of Pharmacy Essay

◇Alex Gnau - 1st Place Piano Performance and 3rd Place Physics

2nd Row L-R:

◇Peyton Ford - 2nd Place Spanish I

◇Carter Johnson - 2nd Place Photojournalism Documentary Photo

3rd Row L-R:

◇Kate Neel - 3rd Place Dietetics Obesity Essay

◇Rex Weber - 3rd Place Google Earth

◇Mia Weber - 3rd Place Human Resources Management The Game of Life

◇Sophia Rowe - 3rd Place Spanish I

St. Joe placed 3rd in our school division!

Great job, everyone.



Eight of our St. Lawrence students attended the Lawrence County Impact Prevention TLC Camp April 3rd-5th at Scioto Hills Campground. Sixty-five 5th and 6th grade students and twelve youth staff from

Lawrence County participated in games, team building activities, and sessions during the camp. Everyone had a great time!
Front Row L-R: Harper Brown, Elijah Butler, Abram Meyers, Sam Easterling, Briar Wilds, and Jacob Frazer
Back Row L-R: Cinci Wirzfeld, Seth Davis, St. Joe Youth Staff Sam Walker and Kate Neel

Congratulations to Lily Dalton and Griffin Rowe. They have scored in the top 30% of students at St. Lawrence Elementary and Ironton Middle School who took the Eddy Test in March. They will be honored at a banquet in May, with the other winners. Thank you to the Ironton Child Welfare Club for



Great Job SLES on your performance of 101 Dalmations!



Sat. 4/12	SJ—5:15 pm SA-5:30pm	Mary Eliz.(Children) & Duke Sheridan(Brother/Sisters) Intentions of Fern Cielec (The Cielec Family)
Sunday 4/13	SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon SM—Noon SJ — 5 pm	Fr. Joseph Huong (Thuy Nguyen) Robert L. Kurucz (Donna & family) Dick Holtzapfel (Wanda) Jack Wade (Jerry Kline) People of the 4 Parishes
Mon. 4/14	8:00am-SJ	Dick Clay (Kevin & Sue Keeney)
Tues. 4/15	8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA	Floyd Steed (Art & Holly Chavez) TSO #2
Wed. 4/16	8:00 am—SJ 5:30 pm—SJ 6:30 pm—SA	Bob Geswein (Family) Living/Deceased SJHS Class of 1967 Charles J. Paese (Sera & Steve Nester)
Thur. 4/17	7pm SJ 7pm SA	Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper Julie Fugitt (Paul Fugitt) Repose of soul of Cheryl R. Shafer
Fri. 4/18	7pm SA 7pm SJ	Good Friday Services
Sat. 4/19	SL—8:30 pm SA—8:30pm	Easter Vigil Dale Saunders (Nick & Mary Beth Weber) Repose of soul of John Michael Lersch
Sun. 4/20	SM—8 am SJ—9:30 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon	EASTER SUNDAY Fr. Charlie Moran Charlie Lutz (Sue) 8th Anniversary of ordination (Fr. Peter Afoenyem) John F. & Rose M. Hacker (Family)



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27 is Divine Mercy Sunday.

To help receive a Plenary Indulgence, we are encouraging all to participate in a personal Divine Mercy Novena April 19-27. *The red Divine Mercy booklets for this novena are available at the entrances of the Churches.*

Holy Hours at SA & SJ

4/27 at St Ann

Confession offered 8:45-9:15
Holy Hour with Divine Mercy prayer following 9:30 Mass.

4/27 at St Joseph

Confession, Divine Mercy & Adoration from 2:30-4pm

Conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence (for yourself or a deceased person) on Divine Mercy Sunday:

- ◆ **Confession:** Make a sacramental confession, ideally before Divine Mercy Sunday.
- ◆ **Communion:** Receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Divine Mercy.
- ◆ **Prayer for the Pope's Intentions:** Pray for the Pope's intentions.
- ◆ **Sincere Repentance:** Sincerely repent of all sins.
- ◆ **Place your trust in Jesus:** Place your complete trust in Jesus.

Daily Readings

4/13—Palm/Passion Sunday

Procession: Lk 19:28-40

Mass: Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-9 17-18 19-20 23-24, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14 - 23:56

4/14—Is 42:1-7, Ps 27:1 2 3 13-14, Jn 12:1-11

Chrism Mass:Is 61:1-3a 6a 8b-9, Ps 89:21-22 25 27, Rv 1:5-8, Lk 4:16-21

4/15—Is 49:1-6, Ps 71:1-2 3-4a 5ab-6ab 15 and 17, Jn 13:21-33 36-38

4/16—Is 50:4-9a, Ps 69:8-10 21-22 31 and 33-34, Mt 26:14-25

4/17—Holy Thursday—Ex 12:1-8 11-14, Ps 116:12-13 15-16bc 17-18, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15

4/18—Good Friday Day of Fasting (ages 18-59)

2 sm meals 1 large Day of abstinence from meat (age 14+) Is 52:13 -- 53:12, Ps 31:2 6 12-13 15-16 17 25, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1 -- 19:42

4/19—Holy Saturday readings for the Easter Vigil, which is an Easter Sunday Mass: Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 or 1:1 26-31a, Ps 104:1-2 5-6 10 12 13-14 24 35 or Ps 33:4-5 6-7 12-13 20-22, Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2 9a 10-13 15-18, Ps 16:5 8 9-10 11, Ex 14:15 -- 15:1, Ex 15:1-2 3-4 5-6 17-18, Is 54:5-14, Ps 30:2 4 5-6 11-12 13, Is 55:1-11, Is 12:2-3 4 5-6, Bar 3:9-15 32 -- 4:4, Ps19:8 9 10 11, Ez 36:16-17a 18-28, Ps 42:3 5; 43:3 4 or Is 12:2-3 4bcd 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13 14-15 18-19, Rom 6:3-11, Ps 118:1-2 16-17 22-23, Lk 24:1-12

4/20—Easter Sunday—Acts 10:34a 37-43, Ps 118:1-2 16-17 22-23, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/12-13 2nd Collection for the Poor

4/14 2pm Chrism Mass @ Marietta

4/15 10:30 SJHS Tenebrae @ SJ Ch

6pm Ironton Parish Council-PLC

4/17 Holy Thursday

7pm Mass @ SJ

7pm Mass @ SA both have Time of Prayer till 10pm

4/18 Good Friday

2pm Confession @ SL

3pm Station @ SL

7pm Good Friday Service @ SA

7pm Good Friday Service @ SJ

4/19 Holy Saturday

1st day of Divine Mercy Novena

10am RCIA Practice @ SL

Noon—Blessing of Food SL

1pm Graveside @ Calvary

Noon—Blessing of Food SA

8:30pm Easter Vigil @ SL & SA

4/20 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am SM 9:30 SA & SJ

Noon SL No 5pm Mass this

Sunday

4/20-22 FP Away

4/27 Divine Mercy Sunday