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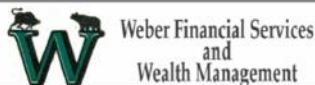
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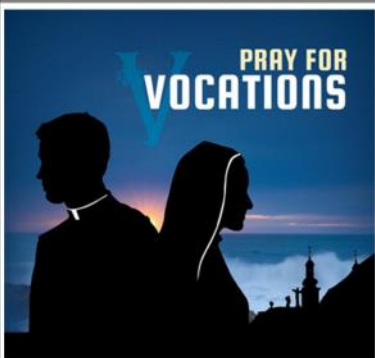
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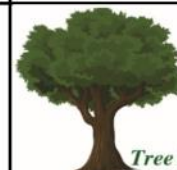
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upon the earth,
and not hand him
over to the power
of his enemies.

May your hand be
upon your holy
servant, Leo your
son, whom you
have anointed.

Our Father ...
Hail Mary ...
Glory Be ...

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

IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST —ST. JEROME

JOHN 10:27-30

Reading closely

1. Who are the sheep?
2. How do the sheep hear Jesus' voice?
3. In what ways do the sheep follow Jesus?
4. Who might try to take sheep away from the flock?
5. How might someone try to steal the sheep?
6. What will happen to the sheep?
7. Why did some of Jesus' fellow Jews reject his claim, *the Father and I are one*?

Living the word

8. How has Jesus shepherded you?
9. How have you listened for Jesus' voice?
10. When have you strayed?

THE GOSPEL READING

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Gospel passage for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is always from John 10. In this chapter Jesus refers to those who believe in him as his sheep and calls himself the *good shepherd*. He declares that he protects his sheep and leads them to eternal life.

Shepherds

People accustomed to seeing or managing flocks and herds would have easily understood Jesus' pastoral imagery. In the Old Testament God's relationship to his people was readily compared to a shepherd tending his sheep (see Psalm 100:3, Isaiah 40:11, and Ezekiel 34:11f).

Many Jews also expected the Messiah to be a descendant of David. David was a shepherd before God chose him to be king of Israel (1 Samuel 16:10f). The Messiah would shepherd the people on God's behalf (Ezekiel 37:24f and Micah 5:3).

When Jesus compares his relationship with believers to that of a shepherd tending his flock, he implicitly says that yes, he is the Messiah. He acts on God's behalf. Those who reject him, like those who are now questioning him, don't belong to him or to God.

"The Father and I are one."

The Father sent Jesus to reveal his (the Father's) love. Jesus perfectly does what God wants. Jesus and the Father are thus unified in what they want to happen and in what they accomplish.

The sheep are those who hear Jesus' words, see his signs, and believe in his power to give life. No one who accepts Jesus can die or be led astray because no one is greater than God the Father. Because Jesus does exactly what God wants him to do, God fulfills his promises to both shepherd and sheep and brings the sheep into eternal life. As a sign of his saving power, Jesus brings Lazarus back to life in the next story in this Gospel (John 11).

These verses in context

Although we hear these consoling verses during the Easter season, the Gospel-writer placed them in a very different feast day. Jesus is in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish defeat of a pagan overlord (v.22). As Jews celebrate this past military victory, some ask if Jesus is also such a messiah (v.24).

Jesus accepts the title but goes on to claim a unity with God that many Jews understandably heard as blasphemous. The already tense exchange between Jesus and those who question him thus takes a dangerous turn. Having faced suspicion and rejection, Jesus now contends with outright violence (v.31). This exchange between Jesus and his opponents points ahead to his trial and death.

PRAYER

adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa

O good Shepherd,
it is but one sheep,
this entire human race,
whom you lift onto your shoulders.
Show me where there are green pastures.
Let me know restful waters.
Lead me out to nourishing grass
and call me by name so that I can hear your voice.
Through that voice calling me,
give me eternal life. Amen.

Adoration a time to

commune with our Lord:

SJ Wed'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 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.

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.

DPSC UPDATE:	Goal	Pledged	% paid	Rebate \$	24/25 School Assessment
St Ann	22,841	16,865	60%	0	22,800
St Joseph	29,639	39,095	95%	9,456	84,000
St Lawrence	18,041	52,065	199%	34,024	84,000
St Mary	4,826	6,730	115%	1,904	14,700

DPSC rebates are used to cover this cost.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025

CHURCH COLLECTIONS	ST. ANN	ST. JOSEPH	ST. LAWRENCE	ST. MARY
Adult	\$4665	\$4472	\$1935	\$685
Loose	\$750	\$336	\$592	\$124
Votive Lights		\$152	\$42	\$41
Restoration/Bldg Fund	\$385	\$840	\$745	\$35
Catholic Home Missions		\$20		
Ascension	\$5	\$10		
Cath. Comm. Campaign	\$2			
Mother's Day	\$45	\$195	\$30	\$55
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Hello, Parishioners of Lawrence


County. My name is Riley P. Morris, and I am one of the two seminarians assigned here this summer. I am finishing up my second year of philosophy at *The Pontifical College*



Josephinum in Columbus, and will be continuing there next semester for my third year of study. I was blessed to be down here last summer and really enjoyed the experience and the great community that you have here. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to spend another summer here with you in Lawrence County, and I hope to continue growing with you here in your faithful family community. Please continue praying for me, and know that you are in my prayers. *Riley Morris*

PS—Riley's Birthday is May 13

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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.

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5/12 Msgr Gene Mullett
5/13 Fr Tom Nau
5/14 Fr Chet Pabin
5/15 Msgr Fred Pasquinelli
5/16 Msgr Tom Petronek
5/17 Fr Joseph Safranec

Fr Peter's Sunday Reflection

Theme: I am the Good Shepherd

Dear friends in Christ, we are privileged to be among the chosen people of God through Christ who John 13:1 pointed out that Christ so much loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end. It was on account of this love that He laid down his life as a shepherd for his sheep. This is because if it is only the true shepherd that will lay down his life for his sheep, a mere servant may not be able to do such for he is there only for his wages. Christ is our true shepherd, not only did he fight to protect us but has to give up his life, for our sake.

A true shepherd is he who knows his sheep by name and also knows their various strengths and difficulties. A good shepherd must leave the rest and go in search of the one gone astray Luke 15: 3-7. So, It was the intention of Christ to protect all that his father has given him that none be lost as such he reconciled us back to God. In John 13:1-7 he condescended to the level of a servant to wash our feet, a gesture that was only reserved for the slaves. This he did just to show us an aspect of true leadership, a true shepherd.

Many of us found ourselves in leadership positions of various kinds, how are we a true leader and a shepherd to those entrusted to us? In the family, what does your parenting vocation look like, do you raise your children in fear of God or did you just overlook them to act indifferent? Those in the leadership role in the Church have the same question to them. When the leaders act in a good manner and respect each other, the people will always be motivated and enabled to do the same. Let us all be guided.

Pope Francis speaking of good shepherds said "The good shepherd listens to the flocks, guides the flocks, and takes care of the flocks. One of the signs of the Good Shepherd is meekness. In addition, a good shepherd is tender; he has that tenderness of closeness, he knows the sheep one by one, by name, and he takes care of each one as if it were the only one, to the point that when he returns home tired after a day of work, and realizes that one is missing, he goes out to work again in search of that one, and carries it back home with him, on his shoulders (Lk 15:4-5). This is a good shepherd

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.

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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



Ironton Catholic School - Advisory Board Minutes - 4/7/25

Athletic Directors Report: •No baseball this week due to flooding at the field. •Planning for a basketball camp and a soccer camp (scheduled for the summer) is underway.

Development Office and ICSSO:

•Preparation for the annual Charity Fair is currently underway. •Bake sales to raise funds for 'buddy benches' for the elementary playground are being held. •A hanging basket sale will be held closer to Mother's Day.

2025-2026 Budget Discussion •In this session we (conservatively) estimated 15 students in both Pre-K and Kindergarten. We increased staff salaries and tuition by 3%; and Chris Monte and Bruce Davis have reviewed and approved all expenditures in the budget. A motion was made and accepted the 2025-2026 budget as presented, all approved.

Other discussion included: •The Chromebooks are being abused by students so a \$25 protection plan, per device, will be included in the IT fee next year—taking it from \$100 to \$125. •Building a 'nest egg' before we begin the project to relocate the administrative offices from the third floor to the ground floor of the high school (where

the locker room and Art room are now.) Ralph Kline will schedule John Mullins in to get initial suggestions and cost estimates. •Ralph will also get estimates on the cost for an HVAC system at St. Lawrence and work to repair/replace the sidewalk along the Vernon Street side of the school. **Pastoral Administrator's Report:** •Reservations for next year's Damascus Retreat for grades 9-12 have been made. This is a required school activity, and the Student Handbook will be

modified to reflect this—students will be required to make up the time if they are unable to attend the retreat. The 2025-2026 school calendar will also show the dates for this retreat.

Principals Report: •An informational meeting is scheduled April 29, for the high school trip to Italy during the 2025-2026 school year. •Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House will be held April 29, from 5:30-6:30. •The St. Joseph Student Council has proposed changing Homecoming to the fall during soccer season instead of in the winter during basketball season. •ODE held an unannounced pre-school inspection, and the results were excellent. The ODE representative was very complimentary of the teachers and students and relayed that we are in the top ten schools she has visited. •The class of 2025 is the 100th graduating class from St. Joseph High School in Ironton, Ohio. •Baccalaureate will be held May 28, with graduation on May 30.

Other Business: •Eileen Wilds asked about making updates to the school website. Anna Easterling revises this often as events are scheduled throughout the year.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, May 12, at 4:30 pm at the high school



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Sat. 5/10	SL—5:15 pm SA—5:30 pm	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
Mon. 5/12	8:00 am—SJ	Cindy Holmes (Freda Rose Holmes)
Tues. 5/13	8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA 1pm SL	Bob Nelson (Tim & Rae Ann) Jeannie Hinds (John & Martha Mishoe) Vince & Mary Stuntebeck (Moose/Monica Mahlmeister)
Wed. 5/14	8:00 am—SJ 5:30 pm—SJ 6:30 pm—SA	Intentions of Carol & Tony Carol Waller(2nd Anniv) (Her children) Julia Mishoe (John/Martha Mishoe)
Thur. 5/15	8:00 am—SJ Noon—SA	Msgr. Lawrence Luciana (Diana, Rosie, Gail & Tiny) Chapman Family (Ann Chapman)
Fri. 5/16	8:00 am—SJ 8:15 am—SA	Peter Underwood (10th Anniv.) (Clyse Family) Special Intention "A"
Sat. 5/17	9:00 am—SJ SL—5:15pm SA—5:30pm	Ina Sheridan (Family) Barb Wager (The Morgan Family) Intentions of Jeff & Mary Riley & Family
Sunday 5/18	SJ—9:00 am SA—9:30 am SL—Noon SM—Noon SJ—5:00 pm	Fr. Joseph Huang (Thuy Nguyen) Anna & Sophia Mishoe (John/Martha Mishoe) Bernard Wallace (Mike/Dianne McFann) Fr. Charlie Moran People of the 4 Parishes



Daily Readings

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

5/12—Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4, Jn
10:1-10

5/13—Our Lady of Fatima—Acts 11:19-
26, Ps 87:1b-3 4-5 6-7, Jn 10:22-30

5/14—Matthias—Acts 1:15-17 20-26, Ps
113:1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8, Jn 15:9-17

5/15—Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3 21-22 25
and 27, Jn 13:16-20

5/16—Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-7 8-9 10-
11ab, Jn 14:1-6

5/17—Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98:1 2-3ab 3cd-
4, Jn 14:7-14

5/18—5th Sunday of Easter—Acts 14:21
-27, Ps 145:8-9 10-11 12-13, Rv 21:1-
5a, Jn 13:31-33a 34-35

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/11 MOTHER'S DAY

5/12 4:30 School Board Mting—
SJHS

5/13 1:00 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

5/16-20 FWM Away
Fr Shannon Covering
Ironton Churches

**5/17 6:30 International
Potluck @ SA**

**5/17-18 2nd Collection for the
Poor**

5/21 6pm Server Party @ KofC

5/23 10:30 Final School Mass @
SJ

5/24-26 CHARITY FAIR

5/27 6pm SA & SL/SJ Finance
Council Meeting—PLC

7pm Joint Finance Council
Meeting

5/28 **SA Wed Mass moved to
NOON**

**SJ Wed Evening Mass
moved to 5pm**

7pm Baccalaureate Mass—
SL

5/29 7pm Award Assembly—



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