

**Welcome!**

**Welcome to all worshipping here today with a special welcome to those who are visitors or new parishioners.**



**The parishes of Dunnington, St. Mary's, Earl Park, St. John the Baptist,  
Fowler, Sacred Heart, Kentland, St. Joseph's, Otterbein, St. Charles,  
Oxford, St. Patrick's**

## **The Bulletin**

*A weekly publication for the Southwestern Newton & Benton Co Pastorate*



**Our Lady of Sorrows**



The Season of  
ORDINARY TIME

## The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday September 6, 2020

#### **MASS TIMES:**

Dunnington / St. Mary's – Daily Mass only on Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Earl Park / St. John the Baptist – Saturday 5:00 pm – Sunday 11:30 EST

Fowler / Sacred Heart – Sunday 9:30 am

Kentland / St. Joseph – Temporarily closed due to flooding

Otterbein / St. Charles – Saturday 5:30 pm

Oxford / St. Patrick's – Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Confessions** – Earl Park St. John's 4:00 – 4:45 pm / Otterbein St. Charles 4:30 – 5:15 pm

**Adoration** – Wednesdays 9am – 10pm Sacred Heart in St. Barbara Chapel (Annex)  
Except when schools close due to inclement weather.



PASTOR'S NOTE:

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day. It is a day when we honor working men and women, and remember the importance of work in our lives. From a Catholic perspective, our work in some way participates in the ongoing creation of the Universe. We cooperate with God the creator. All of our work whether fulfilling or sometimes drudgery, can glorify God and serve other people. We probably do not think about this, as we go about our daily tasks, but perhaps Labor Day is a good time to remind ourselves of this important reality. Work is very important, our work shapes us, affects who we are, perhaps the experience with the pandemic has made it even more clear than usual, how critically important work is for us. On this Labor Day, may we deepen our commitment to do all our work in a way which glorifies God.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

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## **Upcoming Events and Meetings in our Pastorate:**

There will be a meeting after 6pm Mass on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>  
At St. Mary's Dunnington. Fr. Weisenberger would like to listen and discuss  
concerns and the future of St. Mary's parish.

**Confirmation Class** for 11th graders will begin on Wednesday Sept. 9th from  
7:00pm - 8:00pm. Meeting in Room 10 in Sacred Heart School.  
Also, any high school youth are welcome to attend.



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS: September 7<sup>th</sup> - September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday 9/7-** 8:00 AM Earl Park – Elaina Funk  
8:15 AM Fowler – Michael Hasser by Theresa Hasser

**Tuesday 9/8 -** 8:00 AM Earl Park – Stephanie Reynolds  
8:15 AM Fowler – Janet Gretencord by Martha Gretencord  
6:00 PM Oxford - +Dick Atha by Jim & Chris Sheetz

**Wednesday 9/9** - 8:00 AM Earl Park – Florence Nagele  
8:00 AM Otterbein – Intention of Bob & Arlene Goodman by Keith & Janet Kult  
8:15 AM Fowler – Nora Herbst by Henrietta Messman

**Thursday 9/10** - 8:00 AM Earl Park – Raymond Bower  
6:00 PM Dunnington – Janet Gretencord by Gary & Susan Gross  
6:00 PM Oxford – +Leo Etter by Donya Deno

**Friday 9/11** - 8:00 AM Otterbein – Intention of Jean Sondgerath by Debbie, Cheryl and Nancy  
8:15 AM Fowler – Wayne Turner by Marge Muller  
6:00 PM Earl Park – Carol Butler

**Saturday 9/12** - 5:00 PM Earl Park – Millie Schluttenhofer  
5:30 PM Otterbein – For the Darold & Alice Robinson Family by Don Robinson, Kay Schurr and Ken Robinson

**Sunday 9/13** - 8:00 AM Oxford – +Rick Nichols by Cindy Nichols  
9:30 AM Fowler – For the Pastorate  
10:30 AM Oxford – +Perry Shipman by Jim & Mary Perry  
11:30 AM Earl Park - William Balensiefer

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### EARL PARK:

**CCD** classes will be in home until further notice. If you want to register your child for classes, please contact Lori Francis @ 765-404-7322 or [rfrancis5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rfrancis5@sbcglobal.net)

**Food Coop: Suggested donations for September** – Coffee, canned vegetables and canned fruit. Bags will be handed out after Mass starting Sept 5<sup>th</sup> ending September 27.

**PO BOX** – We are no longer using the PO Box in Kentland. All Correspondences should be directed to the Pastorate Office at 107 E. Main St. Fowler, IN 47944

### FOWLER:

Sacred Heart Mum orders will be available for pick up on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart after 11:00 am.

### KENTLAND:

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### OTTERBEIN:

**Tithe** next Sunday, September 13 will go to the Christians in the Holy Land.

**Volunteers** for sanitizing church after 5:30 Mass on September 12: Christi Klemme and Angela Ponto.

Do you have experience uploading videos to Youtube or live streaming videos on Youtube? Or are you good with technology and willing to try live streaming? We need more volunteers at St. Charles to help on the weekends with this and we will train you. If you are interested in helping with this valuable service to the parish, please contact Ann Bessenbacher via text/phone call at 765-418-3284 or via email [bessenba@hotmail.com](mailto:bessenba@hotmail.com).

**A Religious Education** decision will be made soon as to whether CCD classes will be on-line or in-person. All parents are encouraged to provide their opinion by filling out a short survey. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y7SDXVX> to complete. We need to hear from you no later than Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**Liturgical Ministers for September 12:** Lector - Deb Wallpe, Servers – Eddie, Spencer & Luke Klemme, Ushers – Randy Schluttenhofer, Bob McTaggart.

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**Volunteer** for church cleaning/COVID cleaning this week: Sherry Fisher.

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### OXFORD (Continued):

**Liturgical Ministers for September 13:** 8 am Lector – Barb Richardson, Servers – Hayden & Marissa Rickey and Kynzley Richardson, Ushers – Kevin Brost, Volunteer Needed.

10:30 am Lector – Lexie Richey, Servers – Ella & Beau Budreau and Volunteer Needed, Ushers – Brad Budreau and Larry Richey.

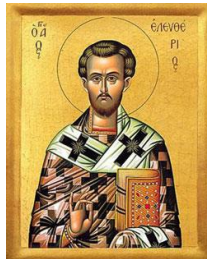
**Scrip** is still available. If you need a gift card call the parish office. Life Teen appreciates your support.

**The November mission trip** to Mexico has been cancelled due to COVID 19. The February trip is scheduled for February 20-27, 2021. If interested email John Brost at [jbrost60@gmail.com](mailto:jbrost60@gmail.com) or call 765-366-5329 for more questions/details.

**Community Food and Services Co-op** is in ongoing need of your generous donations. The suggested item of donation for this month is **LAUNDRY DETERGENT**. You can place your donation in the box at the back of church at St. Charles or the gray tote in the garage at St. Patrick's or drop your donation off at the Co-op on Thursday's from 9am-6pm. Thank you for your support. *"For I was hungry and you fed me."*

**Religious Education** classes at will start on September 20. Classes will be held from 9:10-10:10 AM. Any families new to the parish or anyone with a kindergarten student should call the parish office to register your child/children at 765-385-2587.

With schools doing in-person learning, we will follow the same plan. We will reassess our plan if the school's plan changes. Students will be required to wear a mask, and we will be social distancing. Each student will be provided his/her own box with writing and drawing materials. The *Gospel Weeklies* papers will be sent home at the end of each session, and the room will be sanitized before the next class session.



St. Eleutherius

A wonderful simplicity and spirit of compunction were the distinguishing virtues of this holy man. He was chosen abbot of St. Mark's near Spoleto, and favored by God with the gift of miracles. A child who was possessed by the devil, being delivered by being educated in his monastery, the Abbot said one day: "Since the child is among the servants of God, the devil dares not approach him." These words seemed to savor of vanity, and thereupon the devil again, entered and tormented the child.

The Abbot humbly confessed his fault, and fasted and prayed with his whole community till the child was again freed from the tyranny of the fiend. St. Gregory, the Great, not being able to fast on Easter-eve on account of extreme weakness, engaged this Saint to go with him to the church of St. Andrew's and offer up his prayers to God for his health, that he might join the faithful in that solemn practice of penance.

Eleutherius prayed with many tears, and the Pope, coming out of the church, found that he was enabled to perform the fast as he desired. It is also said that St. Eleutherius raised a dead man to life. Resigning his abbacy, he died in St. Andrew's monastery in Rome about the year 585.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:**

Dunnington: Regular Collection: \$295.00

Earl Park: Regular Collection: \$1,045.00, Loose: \$75.00, Total: \$1,120.00

Fowler: Regular: \$3,533.00, Loose: \$55.00, School: \$65.00, Building: \$100.00, total: \$3753.00

Kentland: Regular: \$947.00, Loose: \$545.00, Fuel: \$100.00, Total: \$1,592.00

Otterbein - Regular Collection: \$1,539.00

Oxford - Regular Collection: \$3,190.00, School Support: \$15.00



**Would you pray for a priest?**

*9/6 - Fr. Paul Graf, 9/7 - Fr. Donald Gross, 9/8 - Fr. Thomas Haan, 9/9 - Fr. Kevin Haines, 9/10 - Fr. David Hasser, 9/11 - Fr. David Hellmann, 9/12 - Fr. William Holbrook*

**The Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly Fruitful Harvest)** will begin in our parish September 19-20, 2020. Prior to this weekend, you will receive an envelope in the mail from Bishop Doherty with a brochure explaining the many ministries supported by this important appeal, as well as a pledge card and return envelope for mailing. The Appeal provides the opportunity for each of us within our parish to share in the good works of our diocesan family. By giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are helping to support programs across our diocese for our retired priests as well as new seminarians, for our youth, Newman Centers, deacons, prison ministry, pregnancy centers and so much more. Our parish family has been asked to raise \$**See below for your parish**. In order to reach our goal, I am asking each household to consider a gift that can be paid over the next 16 months.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>16 Month Goal</b>
St. Mary's Dunnington	\$3,587.00
St. John's Earl Park	\$11,390.00
Sacred Heart Fowler	\$21,142.00
St. Joseph's Kentland	\$19,465.00
St. Charles Otterbein	\$24,616.00
St. Patrick's Oxford	\$26,509.00



PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY, SAINT BARBARA PRAY FOR US