

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 6, 2020



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigils, 5:00pm, St. John the Baptist, Earl Park & 5:30pm, St. Charles, Otterbein

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

Sunday 9:30 am, Sacred Heart, Fowler

Sunday 11:30 am, St. John the Baptist, Earl Park

Confessions – Saturdays, Earl Park St. John's 4:00 - 4:45 pm / Otterbein St. Charles 4:30 - 5:15 pm, or by appointment.

New Parishioners and Guests

We welcome all who are celebrating with us this weekend. If you are new to the pastorate, please contact the office so we may greet you properly.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Couples must contact the Pastorate Main Office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the newest member of your family! Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Pastorate Main Office to make an appointment for pre-baptismal instruction.



PASTOR'S NOTE:



Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate 2 major feast days of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tuesday, Dec. 8th is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception, and Saturday Dec. 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Dec. 8th we note that by God's grace Mary begins her life free from original sin. She is in the same condition as were Adam and Eve. Whereas, Adam and Eve chose to say "no" to God and seek to be His equals. Mary says "yes" and accepts that she is God's creature and servant. Mary's "yes" begins to undo the effects of the sinful "no" of Adam and Eve. Through her "yes" Mary becomes the first disciple of Jesus Christ. On Dec. 12th we remember that in 1531, The Blessed Virgin Mary appears to Juan Diego. This apparition takes place only a few years after the Spanish Conquest of the Americas. By appearing to a native Indian looking like a native Indian woman, Mary is communicating clearly that the natives of America are included in God's love. This apparition was a crucial event in bringing the Gospel to the inhabitants of the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates Mary's role as evangelizer. The Immaculate Conception is the Patronal Feast of the United States and a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is elsewhere in this bulletin and on our Pastorate website. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patronal Feast of the Americas both North and South. As we celebrate these Feast days, may we imitate Mary's faithful discipleship and like her, share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORATE:

 **Pray the Holy Rosary** : **When:** Fridays @ 6PM December 4, 11, & 18th, **Where:** Sacred Heart of Jesus Fowler

ADVENT BOOK CLUB: BOOK: HEAVEN STARTS NOW by Fr. John Riccardo (144pg), **WHEN:** Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 6PM, **WHERE:** Sacred Heart Elementary ROOM 10. To obtain a copy of the book see Jan Goetz in the Sacred Heart Rectory, 9 copies available for \$10 each, (Please make check payable to Rusty Wilson) **OR** you may order online at AMAZON.COM . ****Snacks will be provided**** If you have any questions, please call Rusty Wilson @ 765-337-6263.

Friendly Reminder: Even though the state moved to Stage 5 of the state's reopening plan we are still expected to maintain social distancing. So please respect the policy.

Volunteers Needed: Grand Knight Jim May of K of C council is seeking a volunteer(s) to transport food on Thursdays, Saturdays, or both days from the Greenbush Payless grocery. You would arrive around 9am, loading deli, bakery, and meat department donations into preferably a pickup truck. You then drive to the Benton Community Food and Service Co-op, in Oxford, where volunteers unload. This serves MANY needy in the Benton County area. For details, please call Jim May at (765) 413-7908.

Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus 9400 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on the bloodmobile at St. Patrick Church honoring our Veterans on Sunday, December 20 from noon – 4:00 pm. They are in need of 16 donors at this event. There is no substitute for the lifesaving gift of blood. Donate in honor of the brave men and women who have given their all to serve our country. Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. The COVID-19 Antibody Test, will be performed on all blood donations as part of our standard testing. Masks required.

DUNNINGTON: IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 10 – Decorate for Christmas after 6pm Mass (around 6:30 pm) with a snow date of December 17, **January 7** – We will take down Christmas decorations after Thursday evening Mass with a snow date of January 14, **January 21** – Our winter Rosary meeting will be held following Mass with a snow date of January 28. Parishioners, please join the Dunnington Facebook group if you have not yet to keep up on any St. Mary's news.

EARL PARK: Giving envelopes for 2021 are available to pick up after Mass, they are labelled by Name and Giving#. There will be signup sheets at St. John's for Readers & Servers for both Earl Park & Kentland.

Liturgical Minister, Reader for December 12th @ St. John's 5:00 pm Mass: Keith Godbey

Thank you to the generous people of Earl Park and Kentland. On December 5 & 6 we will be accepting cash/check donations for the Food Coop, after the masses. This will allow the Coop to buy the food that is in short supply, including bread and milk.

FOWLER: QUILTS FOR SALE: The Sacred Heart Sewing Group has several quilts for sale @ \$20 per quilt. For info and purchasing, please contact Lori Budreau @ 765-376-8273

ST. ANN – Decorating Church for Christmas (Circles 4 &5): Friday Dec. 18, 5 – 7PM AND Saturday Dec. 19, 8 - 10AM

Finance Council meets on January 5th 7:00PM in the Sacred Heart Rectory

Confirmation/Religious Education Class Next class is Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Meeting in the Gym at Sacred Heart School. Also, any high school youth are welcome to attend.

Sacred Heart Prayer Chain: Nancy Benedict: 765-884-0064 or Pat Richey: 765-884-1847

Liturgical Minister, Reader for December 13th @ Sacred Heart 9:30am Mass: Kent Brouillette

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

KENTLAND: Giving envelopes for 2021 will be available once the church is usable.

Liturgical Minister, Reader for December 13th @ St. John 11:30 am Mass: Pat Wheelock

SNOW REMOVAL: We are still looking for someone willing to clear snow from the sidewalks on the parish property. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Weisenberger at 219-474-5514

OTTERBEIN: Tithe next Saturday, December 12 will go to Hope Springs Safe House in Attica.

Volunteers for sanitizing church after 5:30 Mass on December 12: Tam Shidler, Volunteer Needed.

Help Needed: 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 bessenbach@hotmail.com.

Liturgical Ministers for December 12: Reader – Steve Wittenauer, **Servers** – Eddie Klemme, Spencer Klemme, Luke Klemme, **Ushers** – Randy Schluttenhofer, Volunteer Needed.

St. Charles Prayer Chain: Jeanne Brummet Cell: 765-404-1975 email: jeannebrummet@gmail.com, Joyce Hoffman Cell: 765-714-3317 email: j.a.hoffman@hotmail.com

St. Charles Religious Education classes are continuing with home schooling online through the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. Parents were sent access codes for each individual student and asked to bookmark the website for weekly use. If you did not receive an email or need the access for your family, please contact Jennifer Senesac at senesacs@hotmail.com. The @Home in Faith series supplement material can be found at <https://dol-in.org/AtHomeInFaith> or there is a link on the parish website.

We would like to get back to the classroom, but at this time we have elected NOT to start in person classes while the dispensation is in effect.

Paper copies of Gospel Weeklies are available for K-4 students. If you have a registered student in these grades, you will be contacted for distribution of paper materials that will hopefully help when working with these younger students.

We are still in need of two teachers for the time when we will be able to meet again. Please contact Jennifer Senesac at 765-491-3729 if interested.

OXFORD: Tithe next Sunday, December 13 will go to Hope Springs Safe House in Attica.

Volunteer for church cleaning/COVID cleaning this week: Andrea Wallpe.

Liturgical Ministers for December 13: 8:00 am **Reader** – Kathy Budreau, **Servers** – Georgianna Wallpe, Nicholas Wallpe, Volunteer Needed, **Ushers** – Tim Muller, Volunteer Needed.

10:30 am **Reader** – Lexie Richey, **Servers** – Ella Budreau, Beau Budreau, Volunteer Needed, **Ushers** – Brad Budreau, Bob McTaggart.

St. Patrick Prayer Chain: Debbie Barnard Cell: 765-299-6214 email: barnard.debbie@yahoo.com
Nancy Brost Home: 765-385-5247

Scrip: If you need a gift card, they are still available, please call the pastorate office for St. Patrick's at 385-2587. Life Teen appreciates your support.

Mission Trip: The February mission trip is scheduled for February 20-27, 2021. If interested email John Brost at jbrost60@gmail.com or call 765-366-5329 for more questions/details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

Oxford:

Food Co-op Donations: The Community Food and Services Co-op is in ongoing need of your generous donations. The suggested item of donation for this month is **ADULT & BABY DISPOSABLE DIAPERS**. 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."*

St. Patrick Religious Education classes will resume this Sunday, December 6th. We will also have class on December 13th. Masks are required. We will not have class on December 20 as we will then be out for Christmas break and will resume classes on January 10th. We will not be having a children's program at the Christmas Vigil Mass this year as the results of the survey to parents, was overwhelmingly "NO, it is not safe". The @Home in Faith series supplement material can be found at <https://dol-in.org/AtHomeInFaith> or there is a link on the parish website.

Help Needed: We will be decorating for Christmas on December 12 & 19 at St. Patrick beginning at 9:00 a.m. both days. Any help is appreciated. If there is someone who has artistic talent some of the figurines in the manger need to be touched up. If interested contact Rita Etter at 385-2185.



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS: December 7th – December 13th

Monday 12/7 - 6:00 PM Dunnington – For the Pastorate
7:00 PM Earl Park - Jack Molter
7:00 PM Otterbein – Intention of the John Eder Family

Tuesday 12/8 - 8:00 AM Earl Park – Dave Murphy
12:15 PM Fowler – Larry Puetz by Kevin & Julie Puetz Family
6:00 PM Oxford – Intention of the Patrick Kennedy Family by Martin Kennedy

Wednesday 12/9 - 8:00 AM Earl Park – Don Nagele
8:00 AM Otterbein – +Betty Fassnacht by Carrie & Donald Fassnacht
8:15 AM Fowler – L&D of Roy & Bertha Windler Family by Kevin & Julie Puetz Family

Thursday 12/10 - 8:00 AM Earl Park – Janet Murphy
6:00 PM Dunnington – Butch Sondgerath
6:00 PM Oxford – Intention of Nancy Brost

Friday 12/11 - 8:00 AM Otterbein – Intention of the Ione & Elmo Mills Family by Cleone Logan
8:15 AM Fowler – Kathy Berry
6:00 PM Earl Park – Preston Claire

Saturday 12/12 - 5:00 PM Earl Park – Ron Schluttenhofer
5:30 PM Otterbein – For the Pastorate

Sunday 12/13 - 8:00 AM Oxford – +Mike Nichols by Cindy Nichols
9:30 AM Fowler – Wayne Turner by Marge Muller
10:30 AM Oxford – +Leo Etter by Jim & Karen Young
11:30 AM Earl Park – Kenny Murphy

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Dunnington: Regular Collection: Regular: \$193.57, Human Development: \$20.00, Total: \$213.57

Earl Park: Regular Collection: \$525.00, Loose: \$29.00, Religious Retirement: \$5.00, Building: \$40.00, Toys for Tots: \$45.00, Total: \$644.00

Fowler: Regular Collection: \$2,710.27, Loose: \$28.00, Human Dev: \$140.00, All Souls: \$15.00, School: \$570.00, Total: \$3,463.27

Kentland: Regular Collection: \$548.00, Loose: \$50.00, Human Dev.: \$6.00, Fuel: \$20.00, Building: \$50.00, All Saints: \$4.00 Total: \$678.00

Otterbein - Regular Collection: \$1,649.00, Christmas Flowers: \$50.00

Oxford - Regular Collection: \$465.00, Votives: \$54.91



Would you pray for a priest?

12/6 - Fr. Brian Dudzinski, 12/7 - Very Rev. Theodore Dudzinski, 12/8 - Fr. Daniel Duff, 12/9 - Msgr. John Duncan, 12/10 - Fr. Stephen Duquaine, 12/11 - Very Rev. Dale Ehrman, 12/12 - Fr. Dennis Faker

MASS TIMES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Monday, December 7th Vigils:

6:00 PM – Dunnington

7:00 PM – Earl Park

7:00 PM – Otterbein

Tuesday, December 8th Holy Day

8:00 AM - Earl Park

12:15 PM - Fowler

6:00 PM - Oxford



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 15

1:00 PM – Fowler

7:00 PM - Oxford