

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE



A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

DECEMBER 13, 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sacred Heart of Jesus

107 East Main Street, Fowler

Saint Charles

108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

Saint John the Baptist

205 South Chestnut Street, Earl Park

Saint Joseph

409 East Allen Street, Kentland

Saint Mary's

2961 Indiana 71, Ambia

Saint Patrick

504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

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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.

MASS TIMES

MONDAY 12/14

8:00AM, Earl Park † Lloyd Molter

8:15AM, Fowler † Bill Silver by Alice Silver

TUESDAY 12/15

8:00AM, Earl Park † Doris Miller

8:15AM, Fowler † Barbara Lynch by Judy Goodman

6:00PM, Oxford † Jean Glotzbach by Keith & Kathryn Daily

WEDNESDAY 12/16

8:00AM, Earl Park † William Balensiefer

8:00AM, Otterbein † Millie Schluttenhofer by Randy & Marsha Schluttenhofer

8:15AM, Fowler † Janet Gretencord by Brian & Kelly Leuck

THURSDAY 12/17

8:00AM, Earl Park † Alberta Mulligan

6:00PM, Dunnington † Dick Atha by Frank Freeland

6:00PM, Oxford † John & Jim Dwenger by John & Sharon Dwenger

FRIDAY 12/18

8:00AM, Otterbein † Beverly Montcastle Kiger by Richard Kiger

8:15AM, Fowler † Michael Hasser by Mimi Melville

6:00PM, Earl Park † Millie Schluttenhofer

SATURDAY 12/19

5:00PM, Earl Park † Dan Balensiefer

5:30PM, Otterbein † Deceased Members of the Malady & Miller families by Theresa Miller

SUNDAY 12/20

8:00AM, Oxford † Ray Muller by Steve & Nancy Wittenauer

9:30AM, Fowler † Joanne Clark by Vickey Windler

10:30AM, Oxford † Marlena Thomas by Dave & Barb Richardson

11:30AM, Earl Park † Dianne Biggs

† SW Newton and Benton County Pastorate †

Reconciliation

Saturday

St. John's, Earl Park: 4:00PM-4:45PM
St. Charles, Otterbein: 4:30PM-5:15PM
Or by appointment

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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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 much more.

- Sacred Heart of Jesus**
16-month goal: \$21,142.00
- Saint Charles**
16-month goal: \$24,616.00
- Saint John the Baptist**
16-month goal: \$11,390.00
- Saint Joseph**
16-month goal: \$19,465.00
- Saint Mary's**
16-month goal: \$3,587.00
- Saint Patrick**
16-month goal: \$26,509.00

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Regular: \$2,230.00	Loose: \$205.00
School: \$1,100.00	Human Dev: \$150.00
Christmas: \$10.00	Solemnity of Mary: \$35.00
Building: \$170.00	Immaculate Conception: \$35.00
Total: \$3,935.00	

Saint Charles

Regular: \$1,074.00	Loose: \$13.00
Flowers: \$115.00	
Total: \$1,202.00	

Saint John the Baptist

Regular: \$575.00	Loose: \$35.00
Building: \$15.00	Immaculate Conception: \$45.00
Total: \$670.00	

Saint Joseph

Regular: \$3,212.00	Loose: \$250.00
Energy: \$50.00	Immaculate Conception: \$150.00
Total: \$3,662.00	

Saint Mary's

Regular: \$165.00	Loose: \$.00
Building: .00	
Total: \$165.00	

Saint Patrick

Regular: \$1,176.00	Loose: \$52.00
Flowers: \$ 50.00	
Building: \$20.00	
Total: \$1,298.00	

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

- 12/14 – Fr. Alan Funk
- 12/15 – Fr. Samuel Futral
- 12/16 – Fr. Daniel Gartland
- 12/17 – Fr. Dennis Goth
- 12/18 – Fr. Paul Graf
- 12/19 – Fr. Donald Gross
- 12/20 – Fr. Thomas Haan



† A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Today, the 3rd Sunday of Advent is traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday" "Rejoice Sunday". We are reminded to rejoice even in the midst of difficulty and struggle. I hope that all of us can unite with St. Paul who rejoiced even as he's faced imprisonment and death. Because God is with us, there is always cause for rejoicing. Let me also remind you, that on this coming Thursday Dec. 17th the Church's focus shifts from the future coming of Christ in glory to remembering that God the Son became human over 2000 years ago. Remembering the past is not simply an exercise in nostalgia, but a help to living wisely in the present.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

PASTORATE CALENDAR

TUESDAY 12/15

6:00PM – Advent Book Club, Sacred Heart Room
10 Heaven Starts Now by Fr. John Riccardo

7:00PM – Advent Penance Service, St. Patrick

WEDNESDAY 12/16

9:00AM-10:00PM – Adoration, Sacred Heart St. Barbara Chapel (annex) School closes due to inclement weather there will be no adoration.

THURSDAY 12/17

FRIDAY 12/18

6:00PM - Pray the Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart
5 – 7:00PM – Circles 4&5 decorate Sacred Heart Church for Christmas

SATURDAY 12/19

8 – 10:00 AM- Circle 4&5 decorate Sacred Heart Church for Christmas

SUNDAY 12/20

12 noon–4:00 PM – Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, St. Patrick Parish Hall



† In Our Parishes †

† PASTORATE †

Altar Server Training: For **new and current** altar servers. There will be 2 sessions, **Sacred Heart** @ 3:30pm on Wednesday Jan. 6th, AND **St. Charles** @ 2:30pm on Saturday Jan. 9th.

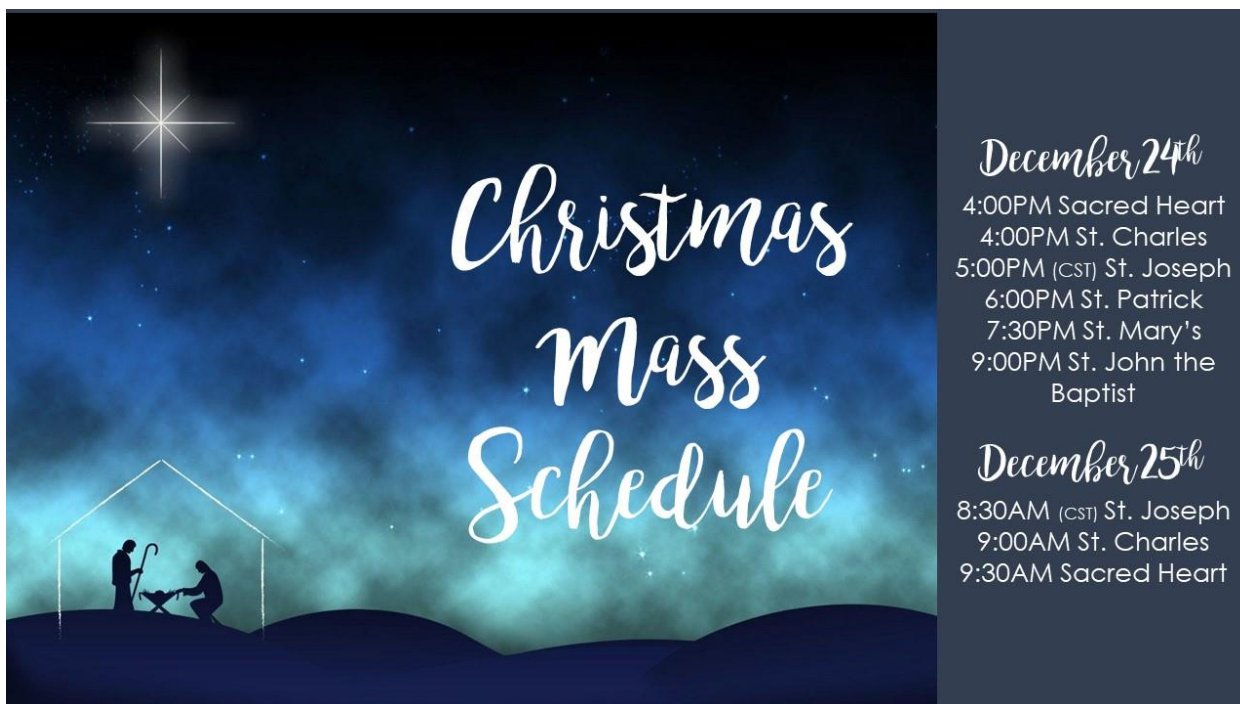
Pray the Holy Rosary: **When:** Fridays @ 6PM December 4, 11, & 18th, **Where:** Sacred Heart of Jesus Fowler

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.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus 9400 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on the bloodmobile at St. Patrick's Church honoring our Veterans on Sunday, December 20 from 12 noon – 4:00PM. They are in need of 16 donors at this event. Donate in honor of the brave men and women who have given their all to serve our country. There is no substitute for the lifesaving gift of blood. **The COVID-19 antibody test will be performed on all blood donations as part of standard testing. Masks required.** Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: There will be Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 15 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart and 7:00 PM at St. Patrick.

A graphic for a Christmas Mass schedule. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright star in the upper left and a silhouette of a stable with figures inside. The text 'Christmas Mass Schedule' is written in a large, white, cursive font in the center. To the right, on a dark blue background, are the dates and times for the masses.

December 24th
4:00PM Sacred Heart
4:00PM St. Charles
5:00PM (CST) St. Joseph
6:00PM St. Patrick
7:30PM St. Mary's
9:00PM St. John the Baptist

December 25th
8:30AM (CST) St. Joseph
9:00AM St. Charles
9:30AM Sacred Heart

† SACRED HEART OF JESUS † 107 East Main Street, Fowler

CONFIRMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Next class is Wednesday, December 16th, from 7:00PM-8:00PM. Meeting in Room 10 in Sacred Heart School. Any high school youth are welcome to attend.

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FINANCE COUNCIL: Meet on January 5th at 7:00pm at the Sacred Heart Rectory.

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for December 20th at Sacred Heart 9:30AM mass: Lori Francis

QUILTS: The Sacred Heart Sewing Group has several quilts for sale at \$20.00 per quilt. For information and purchasing, please contact Lori Budreau at 765-376-8273.

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

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN: Nancy Benedict (765) 884-0064 or Pat Richey (765) 884-1847
<http://sacredheartparishfowler.weebly.com/>

† SAINT CHARLES † 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

LITURGICAL MINISTER: December 19th:

Reader: Brent Budreau **Servers:** Hannah Wetli, Aiden Wetli, Bennett Senesac **Ushers:** Brad Wetli, Volunteer Needed.

SANITIZING: Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 mass on December 19: Volunteers Needed

TITHE: Next Saturday, December 19th, will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

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. The @Home in Faith series supplement material can be found at <https://dol-in.org/AtHomeInFaith> or there is a link on the pastorate 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.

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

PRAYER CHAIN: Jeanne Brummett Cell: (765) 404-1975 email: jeannebrummet@gmail.com, Joyce Hoffman Cell: (765) 714-3317 email: j.a.hoffman@hotmail.com

† SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST † 205 South Chestnut Street, Earl Park

Giving envelopes for 2021 are available for pick up after Mass, they are labeled by NAME and GIVING#.

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for December 19th at St. John's Mass: Courtney Albertson

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for December 20th at St. John's Mass: Tony Sherfy

† SAINT JOSEPH † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

The work in the church is almost complete. In order to be able to celebrate Mass at Christmas, there is some final cleaning and organizing that will need to be done. We will be doing this work on Thursday Dec. 17th @ 5:30PM. If you are able and willing, your help will be very much appreciated. We will gather at the church.

† SAINT MARY'S † 2961 Indiana 71, Ambia

January 7 Take down Christmas decorations after Thursday evening Mass with a snow date of January 14.

January 21 The winter Rosary meeting will be held following Mass with a snow date of January 28.

† SAINT PATRICK † 504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

TITHES: Next Sunday, December 20th will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

CHURCH/COVID CLEANING: Volunteer for this week: Sherry Fischer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 20TH:

8:00AM **Reader** – Barb Richardson, **Servers** – Allyson Cecil, Nicholas Brost, volunteer needed, **Ushers** – Keith Daily, volunteer needed.

10:30AM - **Reader** – Kevin Becker, **Servers** – Lexie Richey, volunteers needed, **Ushers** – Larry Richey, volunteer needed.

HELP NEEDED: We will be decorating for Christmas on Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 AM. Help is appreciated.

GIFTS FOR JESUS' BABIES: If you would like to donate baby clothes or supplies for Jesus' babies, there is a tote in the garage to place your items in. These items will be donated to Birthright in Rensselaer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Classes will continue this Sunday, December 13th. We will resume classes on January 10th. The @ Home in Faith series supplement material can be found at <https://dol-in.org/AtHomeInFaith> or there is a link on the pastorate website.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN: Debbie Barnard cell: 765-299-6214, email: barnard.debbie@yahoo.com, Nancy Brost home: 765-385-5247.

† SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL † 607 North Washington Avenue, Fowler

WAYS TO SUPPORT SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY

Amazon Smile: Did you know that you can donate to Sacred Heart Elementary through Amazon Smile? Register Sacred Heart Elementary as your charity and we will receive 0.5% of your purchase total. Here is our link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1015552>

Box Tops for Education: The Box Tops for Education Program has gone digital! Most products no longer have a Box Top to cut out, but a picture telling you it is a Box Top item. To submit your Box Tops, you will need to download the new Box Top app and "scan" (take a picture) of your receipt to the app. Let us know if you have questions.

Donations: Donations can be mailed to: Sacred Heart School – 607 North Washington Avenue, Fowler, IN 47944

<https://www.sacredheartschoolfowler.org/>

#SHWhereFriendsBecomeFamily

† SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY LIFE TEEN †

SCRIP: You can purchase Scrip through the website and/or app! Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and use the St. Patrick's Church – Life Teen Scrip enrollment code: **8A9EBCFC4156**. You can order gift cards to be shipped to your house or you can load gift cards to the Raise Right app to have on hand when you are shopping. This is a great, contactless way to support Life Teen!