

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE



A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

DECEMBER 27, 2020 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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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 12/28

8:00AM, Kentland † Geneva Gooding

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

TUESDAY 12/29

8:00AM, Kentland † Alberta Mulligan

8:15AM, Fowler † Jeff Glotzbach by John & Mary Timmons

6:00PM, Oxford No Mass

WEDNESDAY 12/30

8:00AM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

8:00AM, Otterbein † No Mass

8:15AM, Fowler † Kathy Berry by Marilyn Brouillette

THURSDAY 12/31

5:00PM, Kentland † Diane Biggs

5:30PM, Oxford † Mary Nichols

6:00PM, Dunnington † Pat Scherer by Bonnie Leuck

FRIDAY 1/1

9:00AM, Earl Park † Betty Hasser

9:30AM, Fowler † L&D of Gerhard & Elizabeth Puetz Family by Kevin & Julie Puetz Family

9:30AM, Otterbein † Lowell Horwedel by Anne Horwedel

SATURDAY 1/2

5:00PM, Earl Park † John & Jr. Gretencord by Karen Gretencord

5:30PM, Otterbein † Richard Atha by Jean Sondgerath

SUNDAY 1/3

8:00AM, Oxford † Thelma Brost by Doug & Jeanne Brummet

9:30AM, Fowler † Nora Herbst by Warren Herbst

10:30AM, Oxford † Judy Gobel by Margot & Steve Gobel

10:30AM, Kentland † For the 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: \$3,556.55	Loose: \$47.00
School: \$1,025.00	Votives: \$58.00
Christmas: \$1,785.00	Tuition Asst: \$100.00
Building: \$210.00	
Total: 6,782.55	

Saint Charles

Regular: \$1,333.00	Loose:
Online Giving: \$1,364.27	
Total: \$2,697.27	

Saint John the Baptist

Regular: \$990.00	Loose: \$5.00
Christmas: \$150.00	Immaculate Conception: \$20.00
Total: \$1165.00	

Saint Joseph

Regular: \$202.00	Loose: \$23.00
Building:	
Total: \$225.00	

Saint Mary's

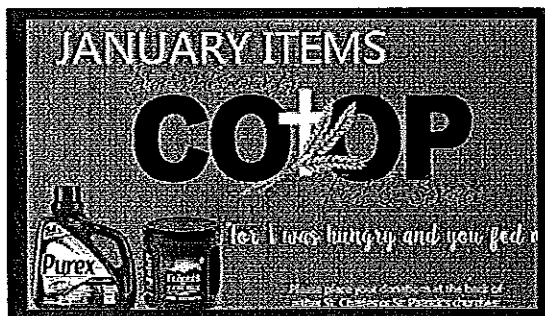
Regular: \$253.57	Loose:
School: \$325.00	Immaculate Conception: \$10.00
Total: \$588.57.00	

Saint Patrick

Regular: \$8,485.00	Loose: \$85.00
School Support: \$ 30.00	Building Fund: \$50.00
Online Giving: \$1,633.71	
Total: \$10,283.71	

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

- 12/28 – Fr. Kevin Hurley
- 12/29 – Fr. Josh Janko
- 12/30 – Fr. Matthew Kalu
- 12/31 – Fr. Samuel Kalu
- 1 / 1 – Fr. Pope Francis
- 1 / 2 – Most Rev. Bishop Timothy Doherty
- 1 / 3 – Bishop Emeritus William Higi



† A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I realize that for our society, Christmas is over, however for the Church it has just begun. During these days of the Christmas Season, the Church unfolds for us the implications of God made flesh. Yesterday, on December 26th we observed the Feast of St. Stephen the first Christian Martyr. We were reminded that witnessing to Jesus has always included the risk of persecution. Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, and the reality that God the Son experienced the joys and the sorrows of family life. Tomorrow, December 28th will be the Feast of the Holy Innocents and we are reminded that God is with us in the face of horrific suffering. January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. This Feast, which falls on the octave of Christmas, underlines the real humanity of Jesus. On Sunday January 3rd we celebrate the Epiphany and rejoice that God the Son welcomes all people into His family. By the way, the proper day for the Epiphany is January 6th "the twelfth day of Christmas", however in the United States this Feast is celebrated on a Sunday. Finally, Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday January 10th. It may seem strange that we celebrate Jesus's baptism as part of the Christmas Season, given that His baptism took place approximately 30 years after his birth, however His baptism marks the beginning of Jesus public life. If Jesus had not carried out His mission, we would not celebrate His birth. I hope that these days of Christmas will help us enter more deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation. As St. Augustine said many centuries ago "we have the Christ Child may we grow with Him".

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

PASTORATE CALENDAR

MONDAY 12/28

TUESDAY 12/29

WEDNESDAY 12/30

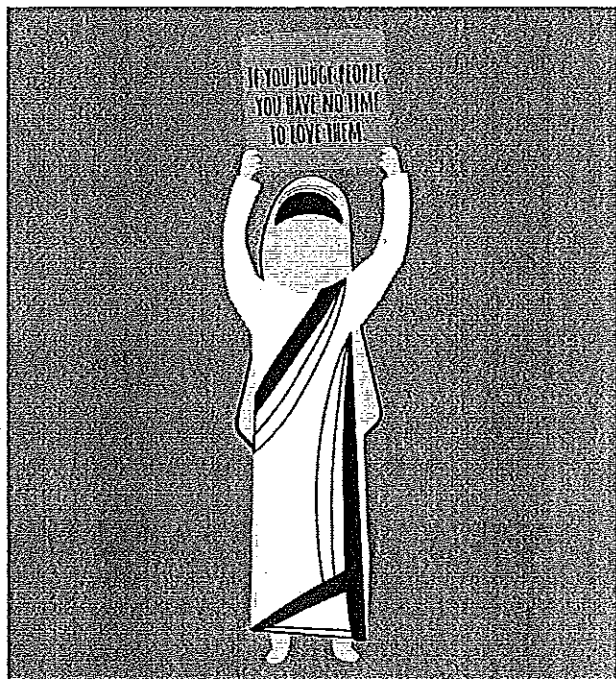
9:00AM-10:00PM – Adoration, Sacred Heart St. Barbara Chapel (annex) School closes due to inclement weather there will be no adoration.

THURSDAY 12/31

FRIDAY 1/1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SATURDAY 1/2

SUNDAY 1/3



† 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.

The Sacred Heart Sewing Ladies are selling quilts at Glotzbach Pharmacy. So far they have sold 250 quilts and donated \$200 to the Benton County Coop. There are still quilts available to purchase at Glotzbach's, please stop in and take a look!

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.

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the Church's for Christmas!



*New Year's Day - Mary Mother of
God Mass Schedule:*

December 31st

5:00PM St. Joseph's

5:30PM St. Patrick

6:00PM St. Mary's

January 1st

9:00AM St. John the Baptist

9:30AM Sacred Heart

9:30AM St. Charles

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

CONFIRMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Next class is Wednesday, January 6th, from 7:00PM-8:00PM. Meeting in the Gym at Sacred Heart School. Any high school youth are welcome to attend.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for January 3rd at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Arnold Muller

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: January 2nd:

Reader: Matthew Zahnke **Servers:** Hudson Grefencord, Parker Sexton, Brenton Dwenger **Ushers:** Mike Dwenger, volunteer needed.

SANITIZING: Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 mass on January 2: Tam Shidler, Wilma Mills.

TITHE: Next Saturday, January 2nd, 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

Thanks to the generous people of St. John the Baptist, \$600 & 1,228 items were donated to Food Coop in 2020!

LITURGICAL MINISTER: **Reader** for January 2nd at St. John's Mass: Henry Senefelder

† **SAINT JOSEPH** † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

The work in the church is almost complete. Sunday Mass will resume December 27th @ 10:30 AM. Mon – Wed 8AM & Friday's @ 6PM

LITURGICAL MINISTER: **Reader** for 10:30am on January 3rd Mass: Pat Wheelock

† **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

TITHE: Next Sunday, January 3rd will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 3rd:

8:00AM **Reader** – Leslie Brost, **Servers** – Allyson Cecil, Nicholas Brost, volunteer needed, **Ushers** – Tim Muller, volunteers needed.

10:30AM - **Reader** – Keith Glotzbach, **Servers** – Claire Etter, Lily Etter, volunteer needed, **Ushers** – Kevin Becker, volunteer needed.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to clean/COVID clean the church on a weekly basis. If you are willing to clean, there is a sign up in the vestibule or call Sherry Fischer at 847-902-2121 or the parish office to sign up for a week. The weekly schedule runs from December 28 thru June 14 for those interested. Your 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 resume 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 has been canceled due to the rise in COVID-19 cases. If you have any questions email John Brost at jbrost60@gmail.com or call him at 765-366-5329.

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!