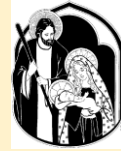


# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE



A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**JANUARY 3, 2021 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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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

### **PASTORATE OFFICES**

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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 AND INTENTIONS**

#### **MONDAY 1/4**

8:00AM, Kentland † Rob Hays by Mary Beth Sullivan

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

#### **TUESDAY 1/5**

8:00AM, Kentland † Geneva Gooding by John & Susan Brassard

8:15AM, Fowler † Rose Hedrick by Carol Schulz

6:00PM, Oxford For all Members of the Cooley Family by Jim & Karen Young

#### **WEDNESDAY 1/6**

8:00AM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

8:00AM, Otterbein † Virgil Schutter by Joe & Janet Schutter

8:15AM, Fowler † David Farrell by Vic & Jane Lauerman

#### **THURSDAY 1/7**

8:00AM, Earl Park † John & Jr. Gretencord by Karen Gretencord

6:00PM, Oxford † Don Blankman by Ed Schroeder

6:00PM, Dunnington † Pat Scherer by Denny & Barb Sondgerath

#### **FRIDAY 1/8**

8:15AM, Fowler † Joanne Clark by Greg & Joyce Brouillette

8:00AM, Otterbein † Fr. Francis Scheck by Jean Sondgerath

6:00PM, Kentland † Rob Hays by Mary Beth Sullivan

#### **SATURDAY 1/9**

5:00PM, Earl Park † John & Jr. Gretencord by Tom & Mary Ann Schellenberger

5:30PM, Otterbein † For the Pastorate

#### **SUNDAY 1/10**

8:00AM, Oxford † Jim Gretencord by Rev. Alan Funk

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

10:30AM, Oxford † Jean Glotzbach by Keith & Kathryn Daily

10:30AM, Kentland † Gene Balensiefer by Duane & Kim Datzman

† 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: \$7,055.00	Loose: \$134.00
School: \$875.00	Votives: \$11.00
Christmas: \$4,340.00	Tuition Asst:
Total: 12,415.00	

**Saint Charles**

Regular: \$1,210.00	Loose:
Online Giving: \$4,136.10	Christmas: \$1,435.00
Total: \$6,781.10	

**Saint John the Baptist**

Regular: \$215.00	Loose: \$6.00
Christmas: \$45.00	Building: \$65.00
Total: \$331.00	

**Saint Joseph**

Regular: \$1,786.00	Loose: \$198.00
Christmas: \$3,077.00	
Total: \$5,061.00	

**Saint Mary's**

Regular: \$430.00	Loose: \$122.00
School: \$100.00	Christmas: \$310.00
Building: \$100.00	
Total: \$1,062.00	

**Saint Patrick**

Regular: \$2,295.00	Loose: \$25.00
Christmas: \$ 655.00	Building Fund: \$20.00
Online Giving: \$2,762.39	
Total: \$5,757.39	

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

- 1/4 – Fr. Derek Aaron
- 1/5 – Fr. Sean Aaron
- 1/6 – Very Rev Timothy Alkire
- 1/7 – Fr. Matthew Arbuckle
- 1/8 – Fr. James Bates
- 1/9 – Fr. Joshua Bennett
- 1/10 – Very Rev Robert Bernotas



## † A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany. On this day the Magi find their way to worship Christ. These Magi are the first non-Jews to accept the salvation God offers. The Magi signify that God invites everyone to be part of His chosen people. The Magi are our spiritual ancestors at least if we are not Jewish. Let us rejoice that God has included us within His chosen people, and welcome others as God welcomes us in Christ.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

## PASTORATE CALENDAR

**MONDAY 1/4**

**TUESDAY 1/5**

**WEDNESDAY 1/6** – Server training, 3:30 pm Sacred Heart

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

**THURSDAY 1/7** St. Ann Circles 4&5 take down church decorations 6-8PM.

**FRIDAY 1/8**

**SATURDAY 1/9** – Server training, 2:30 pm St. Charles

**SUNDAY 1/10**



## † 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. 6<sup>th</sup>, AND **St. Charles** @ 2:30pm on Saturday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**Co-op Rummage Sale:** If you are doing some purging of household items and would like to donate them for the co-op rummage sale that will be held in the spring of 2021 the co-op is taking items now. You can drop them off at the co-op on any Thursday starting in January between 9:00 and 6:00 or call or text Judy Platt to arrange a different time, 765-607-3541 or email Christ Sheetz at [bcap@capwi.org](mailto:bcap@capwi.org).

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

**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.

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

**CONFIRMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will be starting in classroom religious education classes for grades 1-8 on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Sacred Heart. We will follow BCSC in regards to class cancelation due to the pandemic or weather etc. All are welcome!

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Meet on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Sacred Heart Rectory.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for January 10<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Judy Goodman**  
**St. Ann Circles 4&5** will be taking down Church decorations on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8PM

**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 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**Reader:** Steve Wittenauer **Servers:** Eddie Klemme, Spencer Klemme, Luke Klemme **Ushers:** Randy Schluttenhofer, volunteer needed.

**SANITIZING:** Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 mass on January 10: Volunteers Needed.

**TITHE:** Next Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, will go to the Religious Retirement Fund.

**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](mailto:jeannebrummet@gmail.com), Joyce Hoffman Cell: (765) 714-3317 email: [j.a.hoffman@hotmail.com](mailto: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 9th at St. John's Mass: Anne Snodgrass

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

**The work in the church is almost complete. Sunday Mass resumes** Mon – Wed 8AM & Friday's @ 6PM

**LITURGICAL MINISTER:** Reader for 10:30am on January 10th Mass: Karen Piegza

**† 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 10<sup>th</sup> will go to the Religious Retirement Fund.

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00AM **Reader** –Kathy Budreau, **Servers** – Maddie Barnard, Jack Barnard, Sam Barnard, **Ushers** – volunteers needed.

10:30AM - **Reader** – Lexie Richey, **Servers** – Ella Budreau, Beau Budreau, volunteer needed, **Ushers** – Brad Budreau, Larry Richey.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:jbrost60@gmail.com) or call him at 765-366-5329.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Debbie Barnard cell: 765-299-6214, email: [barnard.debbie@yahoo.com](mailto:barnard.debbie@yahoo.com), Nancy Brost home: 765-385-5247.

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

**† SW Newton and Benton County Pastorate †**

### 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 †

**JANUARY 3:** Life Teen has been serving high school age teens in the area since January 2001. Our mission is to lead teens closer to Christ. We provide many opportunities for teens to grow in their faith, including weekly classes, retreats, service projects, and more!

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 17. We are currently unsure if we will return in-person or continue with virtual meetings. Registered families will be contacted soon with the semester schedule.

Please reach out if you would like more information or to register your teen: [bcteens4christ@gmail.com](mailto:bcteens4christ@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates: SWNBC 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!

### General de Lafayette Assembly #249 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Scholarship Award Winners

On August 30<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights of Columbus presented a scholarship to Kelsey Blahnik and Grace Wetli at each recipient's home parish. Kelsey attended WM. Henry Harrison HS (St. Ann Church) and is the daughter of Jennifer and Glenn Blahnik. Grace attended Benton Central HS and finished in Frankfurt, Germany (St. Charles Church) and is the daughter of Jennifer and Todd Wetli. \$2000.00 was presented to each recipient by the Assembly. Proceeds from the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle fund the scholarships. Each year, seniors that reside within the Lafayette Assembly area, encompassing nine local

parishes and many area high schools, can apply for this scholarship.



Pictured above are Kelsey Blahnik, along with representatives of the Lafayette 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights of Columbus.



Pictured above are Karen Young (Grandma), Anne Wetli (sister) Grace Wetli, and Todd Wetli and representatives of the Lafayette 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus. Not pictured Jennifer Wetli and Ellie Wetli)