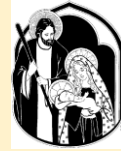


# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE



A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**JANUARY 10, 2021 – BAPTISM 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

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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 1/11**

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

8:15AM, Fowler † Mike Windler by Judy Goodman

#### **TUESDAY 1/12**

8:00AM, Kentland † Gordon Danner

8:15AM, Fowler † Jeff Glotzbach by Peggy  
Glotzbach Billeck

6:00PM, Oxford † Marlena Thomas by Herbert &  
Janice Larson

#### **WEDNESDAY 1/13**

8:00AM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

8:00AM, Otterbein † Betty Fassnacht by Carrie &  
Donald Fassnacht

8:15AM, Fowler † Wayne Turner by Marge Muller

#### **THURSDAY 1/14**

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

6:00PM, Oxford † Catherine Leuck by Martha  
Gretencord

6:00PM, Dunnington † Pat Scherer by Tony Grieves

#### **FRIDAY 1/15**

8:15AM, Fowler † Elmoreta Besse by Judy  
Goodman

8:00AM, Otterbein For the members of the William  
& Geraldine Harrington Family by Bill & Ed  
Harrington

6:00PM, Kentland † Genevra Gooding by John &  
Susan Brassard

#### **SATURDAY 1/16**

5:00PM, Earl Park † June Schluttenhofer by Larry  
Schluttenhofer

5:30PM, Otterbein † Josephine Cantale

#### **SUNDAY 1/17**

8:00AM, Oxford † Jerry Barnard by Jeffery & Jeri  
Lynn Strasburger

9:30AM, Fowler † For the Pastorate

10:30AM, Oxford † Leo Etter by Pat & Bob Ashmore

10:30AM, Kentland † L&D of the Datzman & Garing  
Families by Barb Garing

*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.

**OUR PASTORATE HAS A NEW WEBSITE!! PLEASE VISIT:**  
[swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org](http://swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org)



**Please pray the rosary at 12:00PM on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> for an end of abortion.**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Regular: \$3,765.00      Loose: \$345.00  
School: \$1,125.00      Christmas: \$230.00  
Tuition Asst: \$100.00      Solemnity of Mary: \$190.00  
Immaculate Conception: \$100.00      Total: \$5,855.00

**Saint Charles**

Regular: \$559.00      Loose: 20.00  
Total: \$579.00

**Saint John the Baptist**

Regular: \$2,400.00      Loose: \$6.00  
Solemnity of Mary: \$195.00      Building: \$25.00  
Env Contribution: \$20.00      Total: \$2,646.00

**Saint Joseph**

Regular: \$3,810.00      Loose: \$20.00  
Solemnity of Mary: \$105.00      Religious Ret: \$11.00  
Building: \$50.00      Total: \$3,996.00

**Saint Mary's**

Regular: \$335.00      Loose: \$.00  
School: \$75.00      Rosary Sodality: \$50.00  
Total: \$540.00

**Saint Patrick**

Regular: \$1,060.00      Loose: \$25.00  
School Support: \$ 10.00      Building Fund: \$10.00  
Solemnity of Mary: \$558.00      Christmas: \$95.00  
Total: \$1,758.00

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

- 1/11 – Fr. Michael Block
- 1/12 – Very Rev Canon Gerald Borawski
- 1/13 – Fr. Brent Bowen
- 1/14 – Fr. Michael Bower
- 1/15 – Fr. Philip Bowers
- 1/16 – Fr. David Buckles
- 1/17 – Fr. Timothy Clegg

**JANUARY ITEMS**

*Benton Community*

**CO+OP**

*Food & Service*



*"for I was hungry and you fed me"*

Please place your donations at the back of either St. Charles or St. Patrick's churches.

## † A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season. Even though Jesus' Baptism took place approximately 30 years after His birth, it fittingly ends the Christmas Season. Because His Baptism is the beginning of Jesus' public life, and the carrying out of the Mission for which He was born. This Feast can serve to remind us that everyone of us has a share in the Mission of Jesus Christ. As Christmas ends we begin Ordinary Time. There are 2 segments of Ordinary Time in the Church's year. The 1<sup>st</sup> one lasts from this evening until Ash Wednesday which is Feb. 17, 2021. The 2<sup>nd</sup> will last from the end of the Easter Season (Pentecost), which will be May 23, 2021 until the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Nov. 28, 2021. Altogether, 34 of the 52 weeks of the year are Ordinary Time. Most of our life is ordinary. Let me suggest that all of us need to strive to be aware of God's presence in the ordinary and every day. On another note, let me remind you that we are encouraged to wear masks and observe social distance when we attend Mass.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

## PASTORATE CALENDAR

**MONDAY 1/11** - First week in Ordinary Time

**TUESDAY 1/12**

**WEDNESDAY 1/13**

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

**THURSDAY 1/14**

**FRIDAY 1/15**

**SATURDAY 1/16** – St John's, take down Christmas decorations 9AM.

**SUNDAY 1/17** –Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## † In Our Parishes †

### † PASTORATE † NEW WEBSITE!!! [swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org](http://swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org)

#### Indiana March for Life

#### Commemoration of the Solemn Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

**All are invited** to join in any of the following events commemorating the solemn anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The events include:

January 21

7:00-9:00 pm - Vigil for Life at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel, a prayerful time of Eucharistic adoration and confession

January 22

10:30 am - Mass for Life at St. John's, downtown Indianapolis

12:00 noon - March for Life, Indianapolis, from St. John's to the Indiana Statehouse

12:45 pm - Rally at the south lawn of the Statehouse

6:30 pm - Diocesan Mass for Life at St. Mary Cathedral, Lafayette

All of these events are free. Diapers will be collected for distribution to local crisis pregnancy centers.

Registration is required at most of these events. Contact Susan Hoefer, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator, [shoefer@dol-in.org](mailto:shoefer@dol-in.org) / 765.421.1998 for more information, or check out our website, <https://dol-in.org/family-life-events>

**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).

**Thank you:** Jim May, Grand Knight of K of C Council 9400, wishes to thank all who helped with and donated at the Council blood drive on December 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 14 life-saving donations.

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps those communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous in today's collection.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Sacred Heart Rectory.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER:** Reader for January 17<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Curt Puetz

**SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN:** Nancy Benedict (765) 884-0064 or Pat Richey (765) 884-1847

**† SAINT CHARLES †** 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

**TITHE:** Next Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, will go to Matrix Life Care Services.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: January 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**Reader:** Brent Budreau **Servers:** Hannah Wetli, Aiden Wetli, Bennett Senesac **Ushers:** Brad Wetli, volunteer needed.

**SANITIZING:** Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 mass on January 16: Nina May, Jim May.

**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

**Volunteers are needed** on SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, AT 9:00AM, to help with taking down Christmas decorations.

**St. John's Rosary Society** has received a donation from the Anstett family, in memory of their mother Delores Anstett who passed away on December 11, 2020

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for January 16th at St. John's Mass: Keith Godbey**

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

**Sunday Mass resumes** Mon – Wed 8AM & Friday's @ 6PM

*Much appreciation is extended to the St. Joseph Parish family from St. John's members for all the monetary and food donations for the Food Co-Op, and best wishes on the restoration of their home parish church.*

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

**† SAINT MARY'S †** 2961 Indiana 71, Ambia

**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 17<sup>th</sup> will go to Matrix Life Care Services.

**CHURCH/COVID CLEANING:** Volunteer for this week: Andrea Wallpe

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00AM **Reader** – Barb Richardson, **Servers** – Marissa Rickey, Hayden Rickey, Kynzley Richardson, **Ushers** – volunteers needed.

10:30AM - **Reader** – Kevin Becker, **Servers** – Gideon Fisher, Calhoun Fisher, Cecilia Fisher, **Ushers** – Mike Souligne, volunteer needed.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 PM in the rectory.

**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.

**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

#### 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 10:** Classes will resume on Sunday, January 17. Families will receive a semester calendar soon by email. All teens in the Pastorate are invited to attend Life Teen classes this semester. In-person classes will be held in the St. Patrick Hall on Sunday evenings, 7:00-8:00 PM.

The Life Teen International curriculum covered this semester will explore the dignity of the human person while delving into what it means to be a body-soul composition being. Centered on morality, classes will also offer practical insight in how to take care of the whole person – body, mind, and soul; not to prove we are valuable, but to respect the value we are inherently given.

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!