

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

JANUARY 31, 2021 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 2/1

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

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

TUESDAY 2/2

8:00AM, Kentland † Bob Brooks by Robert & Joan Hays

8:15AM, Fowler † Jeff Glotzbach by Marie Glotzbach Butler

6:00PM, Oxford † Jean Glotzbach by Rev. C. Alan Funk

WEDNESDAY 2/3

8:00AM, Kentland † Julia Angle by Robert & Joan Hays

8:00AM, Otterbein John Eder Family

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

THURSDAY 2/4

8:00AM, Earl Park † John Gretencord by Marcia Gretencord

6:00PM, Oxford L&D members of the Reinhold & Cecilia Tabert Family

6:00PM, Dunnington † Pat Scherer by Bill & Linda Decker

FRIDAY 2/5

8:15AM, Fowler † Walter J & Dolores Anstett by The Family

8:00AM, Otterbein † Mike Nichols by the Downey Family

6:00PM, Kentland † Joan Plunkett by Robert & Loan Hays

SATURDAY 2/6

5:00PM, Earl Park † Mr. & Mrs. George Salla by Jeanette Salla

5:30PM, Otterbein † For the Pastorate

SUNDAY 2/7

8:00AM, Oxford † Pat Scherer by Dennis & Karen Hogue

9:30AM, Fowler † Bernard Schroeder by Judy Goodman

10:30AM, Oxford † Lillian Cady by Jim & Karen Young

10:30AM, Kentland † Albert(Buster) Garing by Barb Garing

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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



*The Gospel according to Mark, Mk 1:21-28
He taught them as one having authority*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Regular: \$2,673.00 Loose: \$35.00
School: \$55.00 Building: \$370.00
Catholic Moment: \$20.00
Tuition Asst: \$100.00 Total: \$3,253.00

Saint Charles

Regular: \$1,407.00 Loose: \$20.00
Religious Retirement: \$100.00 Online Giving: \$3,605.20
Total: \$5,132.20

Saint John the Baptist

Regular: \$285.00 Loose: \$15.00
Env Contribution: \$5.00 Total: \$305.00

Saint Joseph

Regular: \$1,210.00 Loose: \$50.00
Catholic Moment: \$25.00 Religious Ret: \$50.00
Women's Society: \$40.00
Total: \$1,375.00 – Last weeks, current not provided

Saint Mary's

Regular: \$125.00
Total: \$125.00

Saint Patrick

Regular: \$5,950.00 Loose: \$78.00
Online Giving: \$2,547.40 Total: \$8,575.40

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

- 2/1 – Fr. Daniel Duff
- 2/2– Msgr. John Duncan
- 2/3 – Fr. Stephen Duquaine
- 2/4 – Very Rev Dale Ehrman
- 2/5 – Fr. Dennis Faker
- 2/6 – Fr. Michail Ford
- 2/7 – Fr. Alan Funk

FEBRUARY 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,

This coming Tuesday Feb. 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On this day, we remember the infant Christ being brought to the temple by Mary & Joseph. This day is also sometimes referred to as Candlemas. Because we especially think of Christ as the light of the nations and candles symbolize Christ the light. It can be easy to be overwhelmed by the darkness of the world. However, as the old saying goes, it is better to light one little candle than to curse the darkness. As we celebrate the Presentation, let us remember that Christ the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome that light. Also, Feb. 3rd is the Memorial of St. Blaise the blessing of the throats will take place at the Masses on Wednesday.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

PASTORATE CALENDAR

MONDAY 2/1 – Fourth week in Ordinary Time

Knights of Columbus meeting, 7PM St. Patrick Parish Hall.

TUESDAY 2/2 –

WEDNESDAY 2/3

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

THURSDAY 2/4 –

FRIDAY 2/5 – Adoration – Sacred Heart 7 – 8AM

SATURDAY 2/6

SUNDAY 2/7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



† In Our Parishes †

† PASTORATE † NEW WEBSITE!!! swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org

PASTORATE PASTORIAL COUNCIL – We are in the process of forming a council for our new pastorate. We would welcome any volunteers or suggestions for candidates. Members need to be open to the "Pastorate Idea" Please contact Fr. Weisenberger by Feb. 15th as the council need to exist before March. 219-474-5514, or by email which is listed on the 1st page of the bulletin.

Lenten Book Study: Women in the Pastorate are invited to join a Lenten Book Study beginning the week of February 22. The book, [This Present Paradise](#) by Claire Dwyer, is an invitation into the prophetic life of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and her call to holiness for the laity. The reading schedule and discussion questions will be taken from [The Abiding Together Podcast](#) (hosted by Sister Miriam James Heidland, Heather Khym, and Michelle Benzinger). To sign up, please complete the survey at <https://forms.gle/iR6RpFB3PNLPp9ct5> or contact Monica Lohmuller (mlohuller2012@gmail.com) for more information.

Virtual Bingo: SWNBC Life Teen has put a twist on our annual Community Bingo event – Members of the Pastorate are invited to join us virtually on Sunday, February 7 from 3:00-4:00 PM for an afternoon of bingo with prizes! Please RSVP to bcteens4christ@gmail.com by February 6 to receive the necessary links by email. This will be fun for all ages!

Knights Spaghetti Dinner: The Lafayette Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner



Dine-in, Carryout, and Curbside Pickup
765-742-2401

for carry out on Sunday February 21st, from 4-7 pm at the Knights of Columbus hall, 218 S. 4th St, Lafayette, IN. Proceeds are to benefit our annual college scholarship(s) for a high school senior of the Catholic Faith. Over the past 8 years this event has helped fund over \$16,000 to assist local students to continue their education. Pre-order by Friday Feb. 19th, prices will be \$8 per adult, \$5 per child and \$20 per family, after Friday the prices will be \$10 per adult, \$7 per child and \$25 per family. The meal will include Spaghetti with meat or without meat, salad, bread.

Please call the Knights hall to place your order 765-742-2401, please leave your name, how many spaghetti dinners needed, with or without meat and time for pick up. You may also email your order to blahnik74@gmail.com

Any questions, please contact Glenn Blahnik at 765-479-4383.

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, 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.

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

WORD AND SONG BOOKS AVAILABLE TO TAKE/KEEP AT HOME. The 2021 Word and Song books will be at the main entrance of the Church for families to take and bring to their homes to insure they are handled by the household only.

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 cancellation due

to the pandemic or weather etc. All are welcome!

FINANCE COUNCIL: Meet on February 9th at 7:00pm at the Sacred Heart Rectory.

Giving Statements – were mailed out this past week. If you do not receive your statement and need it, please give Jan a call @ 765-884-1818.

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for February 7th at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Rusty Wilson

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, February 6th, will go to the Membership in the Propagation of the Faith.

SANITIZING: Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 mass on February 6: Jim May, Nina May.

LITURGICAL MINISTER: February 6th:

Reader: Deb Wallpe, **Servers:** Hudson Gretencord, Brenton Dwenger, volunteer needed, **Ushers:** Mike Dwenger, volunteer needed.

ATTENTION: Religious Education classes are starting in-person for most school-age students beginning on January 24th. If you have not heard from your teacher, please contact DRE Jennifer Senesac (jsenesac@parish.dol-in.org).

Organist Needed: St. Charles is in need of an organist for the weekend Mass. If interested contact Sally Stacey at sajlstac@aol.com or 765-583-2137.

PRAYER CHAIN: Jeanne Brummet 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

We are re-establishing St. John the Baptist cemetery board. If you are interested in helping with the cemetery, please contact Larry Schellenberger @ 765-775-6611.

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LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for February 6th at St. John's Mass: Henry Senefelder

† SAINT JOSEPH † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

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

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LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for 10:30am on February 7th Mass: Keith Godbey

† SAINT MARY'S † 2961 Indiana 71, Ambia

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† SAINT PATRICK † 504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

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CHURCH/COVID CLEANING: Volunteer for this week: Nancy Brost

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR February 7th:

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Monday, February 1st at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Parish Hall.

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 thru December 19, 2021 for those interested. Your help is appreciated.

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

DID YOU KNOW that 62% of K-6 students received tuition support for the current school year?

Visit <https://www.i4qed.org/calculator/qualify> to see if your family could receive tuition support. Want to know more? Contact Kristy Gross at 765-884-0710 or kgross@fowlersacredheart.org to learn more or to make an appointment to tour our school! Look for information about our Open House coming soon!

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 31: Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is February 17. This Sunday we will discuss the importance of Lent and brainstorm ways to actively participate in this season of repentance.

February 7 Life Teen will be hosting a Virtual Bingo event! Putting a new spin on one of our favorite Community events, teens and parishioners are invited to a fun hour of online Bingo from 3:00-4:00 PM. Please RSVP to bcteens4christ@gmail.com to receive the Zoom invitation. Invite your family and friends to join, too! There will be no evening Life Teen activities on February 7.

On Saturday, February 13, Life Teen will host a Destination Jesus Retreat at St. Patrick from 6:00-9:00 PM for

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teens in the Pastorate. Parents should check their emails for registration information. There will not be any Life Teen activities on February 14.

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!

Catholic Ministries Pledge update as of December 2020

Parish	City	CMA-20-21 Goal	Pledge toward CMA-20-21 THRU December 2020	% CMA Pledge d to Goal	Over/Under Pledged to CMA Goal	Total Amount Paid toward CMA-20-21 THRU December 2020	% CMA-20-21 Pledge Paid	% CMA-20-21 Goal Paid	Over/Under PAID to CMA-20-21 Goal
St. Mary	Dunnington	\$ 3,587	\$ 400	11%	\$ (3,187)	\$ 400		11%	\$ (3,187)
St. John	Earl Park	\$ 11,390	\$ 1,825	16%	\$ (9,565)	\$ 1,170	64%	10%	\$ (10,220)
Sacred Heart	Fowler	\$ 21,142	\$ 29,815	141%	\$ 8,673	\$ 21,787	73%	103%	\$ 645
St. Joseph	Kentland	\$ 19,465	\$ 7,567	39%	\$ (11,898)	\$ 6,117	81%	31%	\$ (13,348)
St. Charles	Otterbein	\$ 24,616	\$ 14,175	58%	\$ (10,441)	\$ 9,931	70%	40%	\$ (14,685)
St. Patrick	Oxford	\$ 26,509	\$ 19,595	74%	\$ (6,914)	\$ 10,900	56%	41%	\$ (15,609)
<i>Totals for Pastorates Shown</i>		\$ 106,708	\$ 73,377	69%	\$ (33,331)	\$ 50,305	69%	47%	\$ (56,403)