

# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021 – FIFTH 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

## **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 2/8**

8:00AM, Kentland † Helen & Bill Perry by Robert & Joan Hays

8:15AM, Fowler † David Farrell by Bill & Rosemary Weist

### **TUESDAY 2/9**

8:00AM, Kentland † Rosie Sullivan by Robert & Joan Hays

8:15AM, Fowler † David Schwartz by David & Mary Kidwell

6:00PM, Oxford † Leo Etter by Pat & Bob Ashmore

### **WEDNESDAY 2/10**

8:00AM, Kentland † William Balensifer

8:00AM, Otterbein † Howard Burton by Mike & Joyce Hoffman

8:15AM, Fowler † James Newell by Rita Schroeder

### **THURSDAY 2/11**

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

6:00PM, Oxford Intention of Wayne & Berneice Oneal on their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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

### **FRIDAY 2/12**

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

8:00AM, Otterbein † Betty Fassnacht by Ann & Dennis Fassnacht

6:00PM, Kentland † Sue & Jack Reidy by Robert & Joan Hays

### **SATURDAY 2/13**

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

5:30PM, Otterbein † Jerome Hobaugh by Bob Metzinger

### **SUNDAY 2/14**

8:00AM, Oxford † Ray Muller

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

10:30AM, Oxford † Rosetta & Paul Leuck by Janice Collier

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.

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



*Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.  
Mk 1:29-39*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Regular: \$6,720.81	Loose: \$50.00
School: \$130.00	Building: \$100.00
Catholic Moment: \$20.00	Religious Ret: \$100.00
Prop. Of Faith: \$10.00	Votives: \$61.00
<b>Total: \$7,191.81</b>	

**Saint Charles**

Regular: \$1,269.00	Loose:
<b>Total: \$1,269.00</b>	

**Saint John the Baptist**

Regular: \$935.00	Loose: \$35.00
Building: \$25.00	<b>Total: \$995.00</b>

**Saint Joseph**

Regular: \$675.00	Loose: \$40.00
Women's Society: \$10.00	
<b>Total: \$725.00</b>	

**Saint Mary's**

Regular: \$320.00	Building: \$50.00
Catholic Moment: 20.00	<b>Total: \$390.00</b>

**Saint Patrick**

Regular: \$580.00	Loose: \$5.00
Catholic Moment: \$20.00	<b>Total: \$605.00</b>

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

- 2/8 – Fr. Samuel Futral
- 2/9 – Fr. Daniel Gartland
- 2/10 – Fr. Dennis Goth
- 2/11 – Fr. Paul Graf
- 2/12 – Fr. Donald Gross
- 2/13 – Fr. Thomas Haan
- 2/14 – Fr. Kevin Haines

**FEBRUARY ITEMS**



*"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,

February 17<sup>th</sup> a week from this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. In this space next week I will write about this season of “turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel”. However in this space today, I want to talk about the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and specifically Communal Penance services. We will have 2 Communal Penance services on Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>. One will be at 1PM at Sacred Heart, the other at 7PM at St. Patricks. Having these Communal Penance services in addition to our regular opportunities for confession is an important part of observing Lent. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation Communally, reminds us of the important reality that my sins harm other people. They damage the Body of Christ. We will have Communal Penance services in the afternoon as well as the evening, not only because it gives our school children an opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament during the school day, but also because many adults prefer to come to this Sacrament during the daytime rather than after dark. I encourage everyone to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. We can do this either at the regularly scheduled times at one of the Communal Penance services or by making an appointment with a priest.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

### PASTORATE CALENDAR

**MONDAY 2/8** – Fifth week in Ordinary Time

**TUESDAY 2/9** –

**WEDNESDAY 2/10**

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

**THURSDAY 2/11** –

**FRIDAY 2/12** – Adoration – Sacred Heart 7 – 8AM

**SATURDAY 2/13** – Destination Jesus Retreat, 6 – 9PM, St. Patrick Parish Hall

**SUNDAY 2/14** – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> MASS TIMES:**  
**FOWLER - 12:15PM AND 6:00PM**  
**KENTLAND - 8:00AM AND 6:00PM**  
**OTTERBEIN - 8:00AM**  
**OXFORD - 6:00PM**

## † In Our Parishes †

### † PASTORATE † NEW WEBSITE!!! [swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org](http://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. 15<sup>th</sup> as the council need to exist before March. 219-474-5514, or by email which is listed on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the bulletin.

**LENTON BOOK CLUB:** A world UNDONE (63 pages), by Father Mike Schmitz  
Please join us on these Fridays during Lent, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in Room 10 at Sacred Heart School. Please have 1<sup>st</sup> chapter read before first meeting. Snacks and drinks will be provided! Books are \$7; please see Jan to purchase a copy. Any questions please contact, Rusty Wilson at 765-337-6263. We hope to see you there! JMJ

**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 ([mlohmuller2012@gmail.com](mailto:mlohmuller2012@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](mailto: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



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

Dinner for carry out on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4-7 pm at the Knights of Columbus hall, 218 S. 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:blahnik74@gmail.com)

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

**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).

**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 cancelation due to the pandemic or weather etc. All are welcome!

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14th at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Pam Windler**

**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 13<sup>th</sup>, will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

**SANITIZING:** Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 mass on February 13: Deb Wallpe

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: February 13<sup>th</sup>:**

**Reader:** Steve Wittenauer, **Servers:** Parker Sexton, **Ushers:** Randy Schluttenhofer

**ATTENTION:** Religious Education classes are starting in-person for most school-age students beginning on January 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have not heard from your teacher, please contact DRE Jennifer Senesac ([jsenesac@parish.dol-in.org](mailto: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](mailto:sajlstac@aol.com) or 765-583-2137.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Jeanne Brummet 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

**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 13th at St. John's Mass: Tony Sherfey**

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

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**LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for 10:30am on February 14th Mass: Diane Tebo**

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

**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.

**† SAINT PATRICK †** 504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

**TITHE:** Next Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

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

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR February 14<sup>th</sup>:**

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

10:30AM - **Reader** – Lexie Richey, **Servers** – Gideon Fisher, Calhoun Fisher, Cecilia Fisher, **Ushers** – 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 thru December 19, 2021 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**

**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@fowersacredheart.org](mailto:kgross@fowersacredheart.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 †**

**FEBRUARY 7:** Join us Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00 PM for an hour of Virtual Bingo! Teens, their families, and all parishioners are invited to attend this event. Please RSVP to [bcteens4christ@gmail.com](mailto:bcteens4christ@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom invitation. There will be no evening Life Teen activities this weekend.

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

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