

# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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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 2/22**

8:00AM, Kentland † Buster Garing (Albert) by Mike & Monica Diedam

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

### **TUESDAY 2/23**

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

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

6:00PM, Oxford † Pat Brost by Steve & Brenda Walker

### **WEDNESDAY 2/24**

8:00AM, Kentland † Buster (Albert) Garing by Donna Danner

8:00AM, Otterbein † Herb Geller by Jim & Karen Young

8:15AM, Fowler † Mike Hasser by Mary Rose Schellenberger

### **THURSDAY 2/25**

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

6:00PM, Oxford † Jim Dwenger by John & Sharon Dwenger

6:00PM, Dunnington † Martha Gretencord by Aletha Dowell

### **FRIDAY 2/26**

8:15AM, Fowler † Janet & Jim Gretencord by Virginia Grace

8:00AM, Otterbein † Josephine Cantale

6:00PM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

### **SATURDAY 2/27**

5:00PM, Earl Park † Matt Salla by Jeanette Salla

5:30PM, Otterbein † Mike Nichols by the Downey Family

### **SUNDAY 2/28**

8:00AM, Oxford † Janet Gretencord by Shirley Muller

9:30AM, Fowler † For the Pastorate

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

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

*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)**



*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.  
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Regular: \$2,835.00	Loose: \$105.00
School: \$970.00	Catholic Moment: \$140.00
Prop. Of Faith: \$70.00	Building: \$195.00
Europe: \$20.00	Total: \$4,340.00

**Saint Charles**

Regular: \$1,933.00	Loose: \$20.00
Catholic Moment: \$160.00	Online Giving: \$1,364.04
Total: \$3,477.04	

**Saint John the Baptist**

Regular: \$670.00	Loose: \$65.00
Building: \$45.00	Prop. Of Faith: \$25.00
Catholic Moment: \$20.00	Ash Wednesday: \$40.00
Total: \$885.00	

**Saint Joseph**

Regular: \$1,160.00	Loose: \$420.00
Prop. Of Faith: \$25.00	Catholic Moment: \$90.00
Total: \$1,695.00	

**Saint Mary's**

Regular: \$55.00	School: \$100.00
Loose: \$150.00	Total: \$305.00

**Saint Patrick**

Regular: \$2,283.00	Loose: \$146.92
Catholic Moment: \$150.00	Aid to the Church: \$30.00
Online Giving: \$1,738.71	Total: \$4,348.63

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

- 2/22 – Fr. Josh Janko
- 2/23 – Fr. Matthew Kalu
- 2/24 – Fr. Samuel Kalu
- 2/25 – Fr. Michael Kettron
- 2/26 – Fr. John Kiefer
- 2/27 – Fr. Leroy Kinnaman
- 2/28 – Fr. John Kinney

**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,

More or less 40 years ago Bishop Higi decided that The Catholic Moment would be sent to every household registered in a parish of our diocese. Each parish would pay for this. At the time many parish priests, myself included, did not like this decision. However, in the years since then I know of at least some Catholics who have returned to the practice of their faith because of reading The Catholic Moment. I have become convinced that The Catholic Moment is one of the best tools of evangelization we have. Bishop Higi was right about this and I was wrong. Technically no parishioner subscribes to The Catholic Moment. Parishes pay to have it sent to parishioners. During February, Catholic Press Month, parishioners are encouraged to help their parish defray this expense. I encourage you to use the envelope in your packet of envelopes or the one you received in a recent issue of The Catholic Moment to participate in this evangelizing effort.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

## PASTORATE CALENDAR

**MONDAY 2/22** – 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent

**TUESDAY 2/23** – Women's Lenten Book Study,  
7pm, St. Patrick Hall

**WEDNESDAY 2/24** –

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

**THURSDAY 2/25** –

**FRIDAY 2/26** – Lenten Book Club 6:30pm in room  
10 Sacred Heart School

Adoration – Sacred Heart 7 – 8AM

**SATURDAY 2/27** –

**SUNDAY 2/28** – Second Sunday of Lent



## † In Our Parishes †

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

**PASTORATE PASTORAL 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.

**LENTEN 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

**WOMEN'S LENTEN BOOK STUDY:** Women in the Pastorate are invited to join a Lenten book study on the life of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM at the St. Patrick Hall, beginning February 23. Any women interested should order the book, *This Present Paradise* by Claire Dwyer, and contact Monica Lohmuller ([mlohmuller2012@gmail.com](mailto:mlohmuller2012@gmail.com)) for the reading plan. Each week, the group will use resources from *The Abiding Together Podcast* (hosted by Sister Miriam James Heidland, Heather Khym, and Michelle Benzinger) to guide the discussion.

**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

**FREE POINSETTIA'S** - Please feel free to take home a poinsettia from the church. They will be placed at the entrances for anyone to pick-up.

**Next Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM Sacred Heart Rectory**

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for February 28<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Lori Francis**

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

**SANITIZING:** Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 Mass on February 27: Deb Wallpe

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: February 27<sup>th</sup>:**

5:30 PM - **Reader:** Deb Wallpe, **Servers:** Austin Klemme, Tyler Klemme, **Ushers:** Keith Kult

**KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:** The General de Lafayette Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus will once again be awarding a \$2000 scholarship to two High School Seniors in the Assembly area which includes Lafayette, Otterbein, & Oxford. As most of you are aware the 4<sup>th</sup> degree has been supporting the youth of our assembly area for many years by awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships. If interested call the pastorate office at 765-385-2587 for an application form which needs to be postmarked by March 26, 2021 or you can also find it on the website.

**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.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for February 27<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Mass: Marci Burton**

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for 10:30am Mass on February 28<sup>th</sup>: Keith Godbey**

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

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

**TITHE:** Next Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

**CHURCH/COVID CLEANING:** Volunteer for this week: Margot Gobel

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR February 28<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00AM - **Reader** – Tim Tabert, **Servers** – Georgianna Wallpe, Nicholas Wallpe, **Ushers** –

10:30AM - **Reader** – Keith Glotzbach, **Servers** – Lexie Richey, **Ushers** – Larry Richey

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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 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

**Sacred Heart** is hosting an Open House on Sunday, February 21, from 2-4 PM. Join us to learn more about our preschool/pre-k programs as well as our elementary programs.

**Sacred Heart students** are collecting the following items to create Birthday Boxes to take to the Co-op in Oxford: cake mixes, can of frosting, plastic tablecloths, birthday candles, balloons or noisemakers, sprinkles, birthday plates/napkins. Please drop any donated items off at the school by February 19.

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

Visit <https://www.i4ged.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](mailto: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 †

**FEBRUARY 21:** *Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love. 2 Peter 1:4-7*

Class this evening will explore the inherent dignity of the whole human person – body, mind, and soul.

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!