

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 – SECOND 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 3/1

8:00AM, Kentland † John & Joanne Diedam by Mike & Monica Diedam

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

TUESDAY 3/2

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

8:15AM, Fowler † Nora Herbst by Warren Herbst

6:00PM, Oxford † Poor Souls

WEDNESDAY 3/3

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

8:00AM, Otterbein † William & Gerri Harrington by Ed & Bill Harrington

8:15AM, Fowler † Joanne Clark by Kidwell Family

THURSDAY 3/4

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

6:00PM, Oxford † Jean Glotzbach by Kim & Brad Deno

6:00PM, Dunnington † Tom Kidwell by Jim & Ruth Clark

FRIDAY 3/5

8:15AM, Fowler † Kenny Goodman by Judy Goodman

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

6:00PM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

SATURDAY 3/6

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

5:30PM, Otterbein † For the Pastorate

SUNDAY 3/7

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

9:30AM, Fowler † Gene Balensiefer by Bill & Kathy Burton

10:30AM, Oxford † Perry Shipman by Jim & Mary Perry

10:30AM, Kentland † Miguel Leon by Leticia & Miguel (Jr.)

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**



*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Ps 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Regular: \$2,915.00	Loose: \$73.00
School: \$230.00	Catholic Moment: \$620.00
Prop. Of Faith: \$50.00	Building: \$100.00
Europe: \$172.00	Ash Wednesday: \$7.00
Total: \$4,167.00	

Saint Charles

Regular: \$1,625.00	Loose: \$8.00
Catholic Moment: \$140.00	Online Giving: \$4,710.31
Total: \$6,483.31	

Saint John the Baptist

Regular: \$305.00	Loose: \$40.00
Building: \$20.00	Catholic Moment: \$20.00
Total: \$440.00	

Saint Joseph

Regular: \$1,060.00	Loose: \$50.00
Prop. Of Faith: \$25.00	Catholic Moment: \$95.00
Building: \$60.00	Europe: \$308.00
Religious Ret: \$50.00	Total: \$1,648.00

Saint Mary's

Regular: \$275.00	School: \$200.00
Catholic Moment: \$60.00	Europe: \$20.00
Total: \$555.00	

Saint Patrick

Regular: \$1,023.00	Loose: \$65.00
Catholic Moment: \$140.00	Aid to the Church: \$45.00
Online Giving: \$2,677.56	Total: \$3,950.56

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

- 3/1 – Fr. Robert Klemme
- 3/2 – Fr. Peter Logsdon
- 3/3 – Fr. Gustavo Lopez
- 3/4 – Ch. Col. Philip Mahalic
- 3/5 – Fr. John Mannion
- 3/6 – Fr. Jeff Martin
- 3/7 – Fr. Adam Mauman

† A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

In this space today I am going to mention several items concerning our pastorate. First, I am very happy to announce that Veronikah Olvera has accepted the position of Director of Evangelization. She was by far the best candidate in the judgement of the search committee. I look forward to working with Veronikah to enhance faith formation throughout the pastorate. I hope to introduce her at Masses in the next few weeks. Second, the Mass schedule for our pastorate will change as of the weekend of March 20-21st. Based on the conversations I have had with Parish Council members and others this schedule will better meet the needs of our pastorate than the one I made before arriving here. I realize that no schedule will please everyone. As of March 20-21 the schedule will be: Saturday – 5:00 PM Earl Park, 5:30 PM Oxford, Sunday – 7:30 AM Oxford, 8:00 AM Fowler, 9:30 AM Otterbein (will be livestreamed), 9:00 AM Kentland. ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL. There will be confessions from 4 – 4:45 PM in Earl Park and 4:30 – 5:15 pm in Oxford. Third, I do not know what we will be doing for the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Especially because we will not be able to have the Saturday Vigil Masses at the usual time, the schedule for Easter may be different. Fourth, a few people have suggested having regularly scheduled confessions in the churches which do not have them on Saturday afternoon. Although I am open to the possibility of doing that, I would encourage anyone who cannot come at the regularly scheduled times to make an appointment for confessions with Fr. Peter or me. We would be very happy to meet with you.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

PASTORATE CALENDAR

MONDAY 3/1 – 2ND week of Lent

Knight of Columbus meeting, 7pm, St. Patrick Hall

TUESDAY 3/2 – Women's Lenten Book Study, 7pm, St. Patrick Hall

WEDNESDAY 3/3 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm, St. Charles Church

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

THURSDAY 3/4 –

FRIDAY 3/5 – 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart Church. Lenten Book Club 6:30pm in room 10 Sacred Heart School

Stations of the Cross, 6 pm, St. Patrick Church

Adoration – Sacred Heart 7 – 8AM

SATURDAY 3/6 –

SUNDAY 3/7 – Third Sunday of Lent



† In Our Parishes †

† PASTORATE † NEW WEBSITE!!! swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES: Monday March 15th @ 1:00PM, Sacred Heart, and 7:00PM @ St. Patrick's

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be on Fridays, 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart on March 5th, 12th, and 19th. Also at St. Patrick on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 PM and a St. Charles on Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 PM.

LENTEN BOOK CLUB: A world UNDONE (63 pages), by Father Mike Schmitz
Please join us on these Fridays during Lent, Feb. 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, and 19th, 6:30pm in Room 10 at Sacred Heart School. Please have 1st 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) 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.

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 at 107 E. Smith St, Oxford 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

Next Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday April 6th @ 7PM Sacred Heart Rectory

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for March 7th at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Gail Goetz

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, March 6th, will go to Birthright in Rensselaer.

SANITIZING: Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 Mass on March 6: Jim May, Nina May

LITURGICAL MINISTER: March 6th:

5:30 PM - **Reader:** Deb Wallpe, **Servers:** Hudson Gretencord, Brenton Dwenger, **Ushers:** Mike Dwenger

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in church at 5:30 pm every Wednesday during Lent.

WORD AND SONG BOOKS: You are welcome to take a 2021 Word and Song book home and bring it back each week when you come to Mass. This will insure you are the only one handling the book.

KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: The General de Lafayette Assembly 4th 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 4th 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 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.

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

† SAINT JOSEPH † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for 10:30am Mass on March 7th: Karen Piegza

† SAINT MARY'S † 2961 Indiana 71, Ambia

† SAINT PATRICK † 504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

TITHE: Next Sunday, March 7th will go to Birthright in Rensselaer.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in church at 6 pm every Friday during Lent.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR March 7th:

8:00AM - **Reader** – Leslie Brost, **Servers** – Maddie Barnard, Jack Barnard, Sam Barnard, **Ushers** – Tim Muller

10:30AM - **Reader** – Keith Glotzbach, **Servers** – Clarie Etter, Lily Etter, **Ushers** –Kevin Becker

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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 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

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Our Cake Walk will not be open to the public this year due to COVID restrictions. However, we have come up with a way for you to participate. We have created envelopes with a number on them. Stop by the school office, St. Charles, St. Patrick, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, or St. John Church to pick up an envelope. Put your donation in the envelope and return it to the church collection basket or the school office by March 10. On March 12, a student will walk in your honor during the Cake Walk. We will broadcast the walks live on Facebook from 11:00-11:15 and 1:00-1:15. If your number is chosen, you win! Prizes can be picked up from the school by 3:30 on March 12!

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@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 28: *They are to make a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell in their midst. Exodus 25:8*

Class this evening will empower teens to care for their bodies with temperance and gratitude.

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!



NEW MASS SCHEDULE TO BEGIN MARCH 20 – 21ST

*****ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL*****

Saturday Vigil Mass:

5:00 PM – Earl Park, St. John's
5:30 PM – Oxford, St. Patrick's

Sunday Mass:

7:30 AM – Oxford, St. Patrick's
8:00 AM – Fowler, Sacred Heart
9:00 AM – Kentland, St. Joseph's
9:30 AM – Otterbein, St. Charles

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