

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

MARCH 7, 2021 – THIRD 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

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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 3/8

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

8:15AM, Fowler † Enos Boren by Judy Goodman

TUESDAY 3/9

8:00AM, Kentland † Buster (Albert) Garing by Ann Medley

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

6:00PM, Oxford † Catherine Leuck by Mike & Joyce Hoffman

WEDNESDAY 3/10

8:00AM, Kentland † Gordon Danner

8:00AM, Otterbein Darold & Alice Robinson Family by Don Robinson, Kay Schurr and Ken Robinson

8:15AM, Fowler † Marge Francis by Rick Francis Family

THURSDAY 3/11

8:00AM, Earl Park † Joan Ewalt Lertzak by James Gagnon

6:00PM, Oxford Intention of Cheryl Brost by the Tabert Family

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

FRIDAY 3/12

8:15AM, Fowler † Dave Schwartz by Howdy & Joyce Haynes

8:00AM, Otterbein † Francis Scheck by Jean Sondgerath

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

SATURDAY 3/13

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

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

SUNDAY 3/14

8:00AM, Oxford Intention of Kevin & Nancy Brost by Dale & Marian Brown

9:30AM, Fowler † For the Pastorate

10:30AM, Oxford † Leo Etter by Donya Deno

10:30AM, Kentland † Carolyn Morgan by John & Janet Keefe

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**



Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Regular: \$5,205.00	Loose: \$33.00
School: \$120.00	Catholic Moment: \$240.00
Votives: \$69.00	Building: \$175.00
Europe: \$10.00	Total: \$5,852.00

Saint Charles

Regular: \$1,314.00	Loose: \$20.00
Catholic Moment: \$100.00	Total: \$1,434.00

Saint John the Baptist

Regular: \$970.00	Loose: \$17.00
Building: \$65.00	Catholic Moment: \$45.00
Total: \$1,097.00	

Saint Joseph

Regular: \$505.00	Loose: \$414.00
Prop. Of Faith: \$5.00	Catholic Moment: \$45.00
Building: \$230.00	Europe: \$10.00
Total: \$1,209.00	

Saint Mary's

Regular: \$195.00	School: \$0.00
Catholic Moment: \$60.00	
Total: \$255.00	

Saint Patrick

Regular: \$725.00	Loose: \$58.00
Votive: \$44.47	Building Fund: \$20.00
Total: \$847.47	

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

- 3/8 – Fr. Tom McDermott
- 3/9 – Fr. Michael McKinley
- 3/10 – Very Rev. Michael McKinney
- 3/11 – Fr. Thomas Metzger
- 3/12 – Fr. Christopher Miller
- 3/13 – Fr. Robert Moran
- 3/14 – Fr. Kyle Neterer

† A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, when I wrote about the revised Sunday Mass schedule which will go into effect on the weekend of March 20-21, I forgot to mention that the Saturday evening Mass at Oxford will be the designated Mass especially for those “at risk.” This means that in addition to the usual precautions of maintaining distance and wearing a mask, distribution of Communion will take place after the dismissal. I apologize for leaving that out of last week’s note.

Also, as you may know, Pope Francis has designated this year as a year of St. Joseph. During this time we are invited to become more aware of and committed to imitating the virtues of this just man. I hope to make more material available to help us observe this time well. By the way, there are nine parishes in our diocese, including of course the one in our pastorate, named for St. Joseph.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

PASTORATE CALENDAR

MONDAY 3/8 – 3rd week of Lent

TUESDAY 3/9 – Women’s Lenten Book Study, 7pm,
St. Patrick Hall

Finance Council meeting, 7pm, St. Charles hall

WEDNESDAY 3/10 – 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 3/11 –

FRIDAY 3/12 – 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 3/13 –

SUNDAY 3/14 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



Benton Community
COTOP
Food & Service

MARCH IS BABY MONTH



† In Our Parishes †

† PASTORATE † NEW WEBSITE!!! swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org

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

LINK TO APOSTOLIC LETTER PATRIS CORDE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS – Proclamation of St. Joseph:
[Apostolic Letter Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church \(8 December 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

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 (mlohuller2012@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 14th at Sacred Heart 9:30AM Mass: Arnold Muller, **SERVERS:** Taryn Klemme & Oliver Werkowski

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

† SAINT CHARLES † 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 9 at 7PM.

TITHE: Next Saturday, March 13th, will go to Catholic Relief Services.

SANITIZING: Volunteers for sanitizing after 5:30 Mass on March 13: Amy Klemme

LITURGICAL MINISTER: March 13th:
5:30 PM - **Reader:** Steve Wittenauer, **Servers:** Parker Sexton, **Ushers:** Randy Schluttenhofer

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 scjlstac@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 13th at St. John's Mass: Clarice Benner

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

A Special Thank you to the Estate of Rita Molter for her generous contribution to St. Joseph's Parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for 10:30am Mass on March 14th: Keith Godbey

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

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

TITHE: Next Sunday, March 14th will go to Catholic Relief Services.

CHURCH/COVID CLEANING: Volunteer for this week: Kate Daily

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR March 14th:

8:00AM - **Reader** – Kathy Budreau, **Servers** – Allyson Cecil, Nicholas Brost, **Ushers** –

10:30AM - **Reader** – Lexie Richey, **Servers** – Gideon Fisher, Calhoun Fisher, Cecilia Fisher, **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 on March 7th and March 14th will be held from 9:10 to 10:10 am. The April 11th, April 18th, and April 25th classes will be begin at 8:45 am. Sunday morning mass time will change to 7:30 am starting March 20th. The religious education class time will be moved up so that persons attending 7:30 mass will not have to wait as long or go home and come back for religious education class.

† SW Newton and Benton County Pastorate †

An excellent website during Lent to help explain the individual parts of the mass and behind the scenes in the mass is relevantradio.activehosted.com@s4.csa2.acembs3.com

These little daily snippets are 2-4 minutes and are produced in a way that is understandable and interesting for children 3rd grade through adult.

MISSION TRIP: We are planning on the next Mexico mission trip on Nov 6-13, 2021 (February trip to be scheduled later). Of course this is all subject to how Covid 19 is at that time. We would need to know if you are going by August 15, 2021 as we will limit the number going to the first 21 missionaries. This is open to anyone-no skills required-just an open heart! For more info contact John Brost @ 765-366-5329 or jbrost60@gmail.com

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

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 †

MARCH 7: *Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* John 6:47-51

Tonight's class will be a social evening of fun and games, and end with some time in Eucharistic Adoration.

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 WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE TO BEGIN MARCH 20 – 21ST

(NO CHANGE TO DAILY MASS SCHEDULES)

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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Veronikah (Ronnie) Olvera

I was born in Mexico City. I was a typical child attending Sunday Masses, getting a bit involved in church activities, and getting my sacraments. I never attended catholic school, though. One thing that I do remember while in Mexico, was this crucifix with Jesus on it, but the two parts would separate somehow. So, once I discovered that, I used to unhang Jesus from the cross and lay him on my bed. I used to keep thinking how tiresome it would be to hang there all day long every day! I was sure he needed a break. I would do so, then, go play outside. When it was time to go to bed, I would put him back on the cross. That never felt right. When I was 14, I came to California. Before I started my senior year, I prayed to God to let me find a wonderful friend to spend that year with and have a blast. God was so kind that he did. I had a wonderful senior year! My trust in God started to build. About a year later, I was invited to a charismatic family prayer group. From there, I was eventually invited to travel to Italy so discern my religious vocation. I took two months and a half to confirm that I was too attracted to guys to become a nun. I came back to California. Got involved with the Focolare movement (Marian Organization) and started a missionary group at my church. During that time, I also decided to complete my bachelor's in Biblical Studies. My professional experience during that time was back office Mortgage and Financing. Eventually I met my husband and got married. Due to the financial situation back in 2007, I was transferred by my company to San Antonio Texas. That bank only lasted six months after that. I already had one child, so I had to act quickly. The opportunity to become a bilingual teacher came and I took it. I only volunteering at church on a part time basis due to family life. Until then, I had not been able to get a job at a church. I prayed again and a door opened. I became the DRE at my parish. It was a wonderful experience! I was finally doing what I loved! The only issue was that the salary was not enough to pay the bills. I had to go back to teaching. I did not want to give up my dream, so I prayed again to have the chance to start my master's. God granted me that opportunity, and last summer I started my Master's in Pastoral Ministry with a concentration in Spiritual Direction. Now, I find myself in Indiana. I believe that I have been given the chance to work in my dream job. So, I pray with all my heart and soul to not let God and his people down.

God has been good to me. It has not been easy, but he has always been there for me. The Lord has always sent angels to help me, guide me, teach me, support me...and the Holy Spirit never misses a chance to teach me a lesson and get me closer to God. My walk with the Lord (through prayer), has been amazing! There has been ups, downs, and opportunities to experience all the emotions to the fullest. Mother Mary is currently teaching me to trust the Lord as she did; not an easy task, but so much worth it.

My highest devotion is the Eucharist. My favorite prayer is the rosary to the Holy Spirit and my favorite image is the Sacred Heart. I am fully convinced that the secret for a personal relationship with God is through obedience, and the perfect demonstration of that is Gethsemane.

In the love of the Holy Spirit,
Veronikah (Ronnie) Olvera

