

# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**MARCH 14, 2021 – FOURTH 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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765-884-1818

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765-385-2587

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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 3/15**

8:00AM, Kentland † Miguel Leon

8:15AM, Fowler † Janet Gretencord by Ellen Leuck

### **TUESDAY 3/16**

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

8:15AM, Fowler † Lynn Puetz by Kevin & Julie Puetz Family

6:00PM, Oxford † Marlena Thomas by Herbert & Janice Larson

### **WEDNESDAY 3/17**

8:00AM, Kentland † Alberta Mulligan

8:00AM, Otterbein † Jeff Glotzbach by Patrick Doyle & Family

8:15AM, Fowler † Hazel Brockmole by Judy Goodman

### **THURSDAY 3/18**

8:00AM, Earl Park † Kent Gwilliam by Barb Garing

6:00PM, Oxford † Etta Leuck by Bill & Maureen Eberle

6:00PM, Dunnington † Leonard & Lucille Metzinger by Tammy Metzinger

### **FRIDAY 3/19**

8:15AM, Fowler † L&D of Gerhard & Elizabeth Puetz Family by Kevin & Julie Puetz Family

8:00AM, Otterbein † Genevieve Hewitt

6:00PM, Kentland † Miguel Leon

### **SATURDAY 3/20**

5:00PM, Earl Park † Ronnie Schwartz by Barb Garing

5:30PM, Oxford † Jerry Barnard by Ray & Shirley Muller

### **SUNDAY 3/21**

7:30AM, Oxford † Clarence Dwenger by John & Sharon Dwenger

8:00AM, Fowler † Michael Hasser by Mary Rose Schellenberger

9:00 AM, Kentland † L&D Hasser & Diedam Families by Mike & Monica Diedam

9:30AM, Otterbein † 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)



*Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever  
forget you!*

*Ps 137:1-2, 3,4-5, 6*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Regular: \$4,935.00 | Loose: \$40.00            |
| School: \$1,475.00  | Catholic Moment: \$120.00 |
| Votives: \$         | Building: \$40.00         |
| Total: \$6,610.00   |                           |

**Saint Charles**

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Regular: \$1,711.00      | Loose: \$.00             |
| Catholic Moment: \$40.00 | Easter Flowers: \$150.00 |
| Total: \$1,901.00        |                          |

**Saint John the Baptist**

|                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Regular: \$2,200.00 | Loose: \$22.00               |
| Building: \$        | Catholic Relief Svc: \$20.00 |
| Total: \$2,242.00   |                              |

**Saint Joseph**

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Regular: \$1,980.00 | Loose: \$365.00 |
| Total: \$2,345.00   |                 |

**Saint Mary's**

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Regular: \$100.00 | School: \$125.00 |
| Total: \$225.00   |                  |

**Saint Patrick**

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular: \$1457.04       | Loose: \$55.00         |
| Catholic Moment: \$40.00 | School Support: \$5.00 |
| Easter Flowers: \$20.00  | Total: \$1,577.04      |

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

3/15 – Fr. David Newton  
3/16 – Fr. John Nguyen  
3/17 – Fr. Dennis O'Keeffe  
3/18 – Fr. Coady Owens  
3/19 – Fr. Alejandro Paternoster  
3/20 – Fr. Dominic Petan  
3/21 – Fr. Sean Pogue

## † A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Most Feast Days which occur during Lent are not celebrated because the observance of Lent takes precedence. However, two exceptions to this general rule are approaching. This coming Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One week from this Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. Celebrating these days even during Lent indicates how important they are. Both of these feasts are about the Incarnation – God becoming human. On March 25<sup>th</sup> we rejoice that God the Son becomes flesh in the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's "yes" enables God to be conceived in her. We could call this feast the Conception of Jesus – we celebrate His birth 9 months later. The central role of St. Joseph is to take care of Jesus and Mary. If God had not become a small, weak human being then the care of St. Joseph would not have been needed. As we celebrate these feasts let us give thanks to God for becoming one of us in order to save us. Let us also be grateful to Joseph and Mary for their role in the Incarnation.

Finally, as I mentioned last week Pope Francis has declared the time from Dec. 8, 2020 – Dec. 8, 2021 as a Year of St. Joseph. You can find the Pope's Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* and other materials to help celebrate this year of St. Joseph at: [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 \(vatican.va\)](#)

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

### **Memorare to St. Joseph**

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them.

Amen.

## PASTORATE CALENDAR

**MONDAY 3/15** – 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent

Penance Service, 1pm, Sacred Heart and 7pm St. Patrick's

**TUESDAY 3/16** – Women's Lenten Book Study, 7pm, St. Patrick Hall

**WEDNESDAY 3/17** – 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 3/18** – Sewing Day, 9am, home of Diane Gretencord

**FRIDAY 3/19** – 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 3/20** –

**SUNDAY 3/21** – Fifth Sunday of Lent



† In Our Parishes †

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

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES:** Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. Also at St. Patrick on Fridays during Lent at 6:00 PM and a St. Charles on Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 PM.

**LENTE 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.

**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

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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

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for March 21st at Sacred Heart 8:00AM Mass: Judy Goodman, SERVERS: Abigail Wilson & Payton Krug**

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

**† SAINT CHARLES †** 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

**TITHE:** Next Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

**SANITIZING:** Volunteers for sanitizing after 9:30 Mass on March 21: Dan & Linda Rhoades

**LITURGICAL MINISTER: March 21<sup>st</sup>:**

9:30 AM - **Reader:** Betsy Satchell, **Servers:** Hannah Wetli, Aiden Wetli, **Ushers:** Brad Wetli

**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 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 [scjlstac@aol.com](mailto:scjlstac@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 March 20th at St. John's Mass: Marci Burton**

**† 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 9:00am Mass on March 21<sup>st</sup>: Diane Tebo**

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

† SAINT PATRICK † 504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

**SEWING DAY:** Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am, at the home of Diane Gretencord. Bring something to share for lunch.

**TITHE:** Next weekend, March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

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

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>:**

5:30 PM - **Reader** – Kevin Becker, **Servers** – Lexie Richey, **Ushers** – Larry Richey

7:30AM - **Reader** – Barb Richardson, **Servers** – Marissa Richey, Hayden Richey, Kynzley Richardson, **Ushers** –

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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 7<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup> will be held from 9:10 to 10:10 am. The April 11<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and April 25<sup>th</sup> classes will be begin at 8:45 am. Sunday morning mass time will change to 7:30 am starting March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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.acemsb3.com](http://relevantradio.activehosted.com@s4.csa2.acemsb3.com)

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

**MISSION TRIP:** We are planning 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](mailto:jbrost60@gmail.com)

**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 †

**MARCH 14:** *Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2*

This evening we will encourage teens to build up their minds in order to better know themselves and God.

There will be no Life Teen activities on March 21 due to spring break.

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 – 21<sup>ST</sup>**

(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

**Traditional Latin Mass**

***SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION***

***Missa Cantata***

**This Mass is offered for the repose of the Soul of**

**Father Christopher Roberts**

**Celebrant: Father Joshua Bennett**

**Sung Mass chanted by St. Dunstan Schola Cantorum**

**Social distancing and masks required.**

**March 25, 2021 – 5:30 PM CT – 6:30 PM ET**

**St. Augustine Catholic Church**

**318 N McKinley Ave.**

**Rensselaer, IN 47978**

# *Christ be our Light: Day of Reflection for the Divorced*

*Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021  
Place: St. Elizabeth Seton  
10655 Haverstick Road  
Carmel, IN 46032*

*Keynote speaker:  
Deacon Bob Angelich*

**Cost \$10.00**  
Lite Breakfast and Lunch included  
**Registration by May 21st:**  
ccastillo@dol-in.org / 765 269 4662  
**For further information contact:**  
Susan McIntosh 317 938 8950

## *Christ be our Light: A Day of Reflection for the Divorced* **Saturday, June 5, 2021**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
10655 Haverstick Rd, Carmel, IN 46033**

**The day begins with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a light breakfast.**

**Talks provided by Deacon Bob Angelich (see info. below).**

**There will be time for fellowship, prayer and reflection.**

**Registration includes lunch. Day ends at approximately 3 pm.**

**Cost is only \$10 to attend.**

**To sign up contact: ccastillo@dol-in.org / (765) 269 4662**

**For further information contact: Susan McIntosh (317) 938 8950**

### ***Keynote speaker: Deacon Bob Angelich***

Ordained as a Deacon for the Diocese of Gary, Indiana in 2003, Deacon Bob Angelich was instrumental in starting the "Divorce and Beyond" program in the Diocese of Gary. He has offered similar programs in Houston, TX and at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Carmel, Indiana. In addition to Divorce Ministry, he has served in Prison Ministry, the Children's Hospital in Houston, and at his home parish of St. Cyril of Alexandria in Houston. Deacon Bob Angelich is a proud graduate of Purdue University.