

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

MARCH 21, 2021 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. Richard Weisenberger, Pastor

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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 3/22

8:00AM, Kentland † Miguel Leon by Maureen

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

TUESDAY 3/23

8:00AM, Kentland † Buster (Albert) Garing by Robert & Carole DiFabio

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

6:00PM, Oxford † No evening Mass

WEDNESDAY 3/24

8:00AM, Kentland † Miguel Leon by Maureen

8:00AM, Otterbein † No morning Mass

8:15AM, Fowler † Owen Busey by John Vanderkolk

THURSDAY 3/25

8:00AM, Earl Park † Betty Hasser

6:00PM, Oxford † No evening Mass

6:00PM, Dunnington † Kent Gwilliam by Dennis & Barb Sondgerath

FRIDAY 3/26

8:15AM, Fowler † Bernard Schroeder by Marlene & Dan Stepp

8:00AM, Otterbein † No morning Mass

6:00PM, Kentland † J.R., Vicky, F & A Hasser by Mike & Monica Diedam

SATURDAY 3/27

5:00PM, Earl Park † For the Pastorate

5:30PM, Oxford † Dave Schwartz by Bill & Carole Manjak

SUNDAY 3/28

7:30AM, Oxford Intention of Fr. Haan by Dave & Barb Richardson

8:00AM, Fowler † Dolores Anstett by Diane Ward

9:00 AM, Kentland † Kevin Ponto by Barb Garing

9:30AM, Otterbein † Arnold & Loretta Vorst by Jim & Joann Vorst

Reconciliation

Saturday

St. John's, Earl Park: 4:00PM-4:45PM
St. Patrick, Oxford: 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



*Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Ps 51:34, 12-13, 14-15*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Regular: 3,031.55	Loose: \$22.00
School: \$180.00	Catholic Relief: \$330.00
Sister Parish: \$5.00	Building: \$275.00
Easter: \$20.00	Good Friday: \$20.00
Total: \$3,883.55	

Saint Charles

Regular: \$994.00	Loose: \$.00
Catholic Moment: \$20.00	Easter Flowers: \$90.00
Online Giving: \$1,370.14	Total: \$2,474.14

Saint John the Baptist

Regular: \$1,265.00	Loose: \$20.00
Building: \$	Envelopes: \$5.00
Total: \$1,290.00	

Saint Joseph

Regular: \$821.00	Loose: \$146.51
Building: \$90.00	Catholic Relief: \$60.00
Total: \$2,345.00	

Saint Mary's

Regular: \$373.57	School: \$27.00
School: \$125.00	Building: \$50.00
Catholic Moment: \$20.00	Catholic Relief: \$25.00
Total: \$620.57	

Saint Patrick

Regular: \$1,525.00	Loose: \$55.00
Catholic Relief: \$320.00	Easter Flowers: \$150.00
Online Giving: \$1,630.84	Total: \$3,680.84

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

- 3/22 – Fr. Richard Puetz
- 3/23 – Fr. David Rasner
- 3/24 – Very Rev. Theodore Rothrock
- 3/25 – Fr. Anthony Rowland
- 3/26 – Fr. Chris Saliga
- 3/27 – Fr. Martin Sandhage
- 3/28 – Msgr. Robert Sell

† A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, March 28, we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. This day begins Holy Week, the most important week of the Church's year. Especially important are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. These three days are called the Triduum because although they focus on different events, they are actually inseparable. I will write more about these days in this space next week, but today I am going to make a few comments about them. On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper, the first Eucharist. We only celebrate one Mass that day. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. We will celebrate that Mass at 7PM at Sacred Heart. On Good Friday we remember the Lord's Passion. It is the only day of the year when no Mass is celebrated. There will be services of the Lord's Passion at 3PM at Sacred Heart, 3PM at St. Patrick's, 6PM at St. Joseph, and 7PM at St. Charles.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

PASTORATE CALENDAR

MONDAY 3/22 – 5th week of Lent

TUESDAY 3/23 – Women's Lenten Book Study, 7pm, St. Patrick Hall, St. Joseph Finance Council meet, 10AM

WEDNESDAY 3/24 – 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.

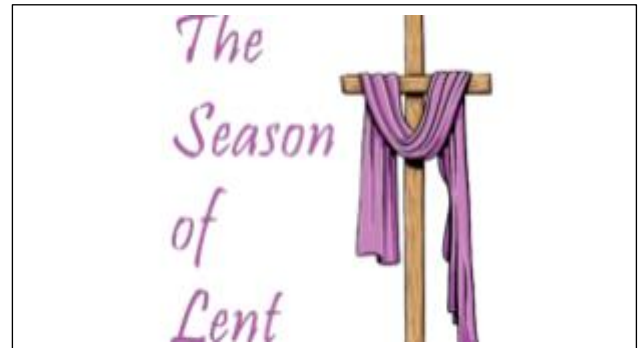
THURSDAY 3/25 –

FRIDAY 3/26 – Stations of the Cross, 6 pm, St. Patrick Church

Adoration – Sacred Heart 7 – 8AM

SATURDAY 3/27 –

SUNDAY 3/28 – Palm Sunday



Benton Community **MARCH IS BABY MONTH**
CO+OP
Food & Service



† In Our Parishes †

† PASTORATE † NEW WEBSITE!!! swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org

CAMP CRUX: Encounter God through prayer, friendship, and outdoor adventure. A DIFFERENT KIND OF CAMP, REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 24TH. GIRLS: June 21 – 24 and Boys: July 12 – 15 (Entering 6th – 8th Grades) Oakbrook Valley Russiaville, IN. Secure your spot online at dol-in.org/campcrux

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 (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

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP: If you have anything you want to keep, take away BEFORE April 1st.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for March 28th at Sacred Heart 8:00AM Mass: Curt Puetz AND Kent Brouillette, **SERVERS:** Eric Cyr & Maclynn Elliott, **PALMS – Rusty & Nina Wilson**

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 28th, will go to the Holy Land.

SANITIZING: Volunteers for sanitizing after 9:30 Mass on March 28: Dan & Linda Rhoades

LITURGICAL MINISTER: March 28th:
9:30 AM - **Reader:** Brent Budreau, Steve Wittenauer, **Servers:** Austin Klemme, 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 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 27th at St. John's Mass: Tony & Mary Sherfey, Palms – Wayne & Lynn Strasburger?

† SAINT JOSEPH † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

Finance Council Meeting: March 23rd at 10AM

LITURGICAL MINISTER: Reader for 9:00am Mass on March 28th: Karen Piegza AND Pat Wheelock, PALMS – Charles & Phyllis Haldeman

† SAINT MARY'S † 2961 Indiana 71, Ambia

† SAINT PATRICK † 504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

CEMETERY NOTICE: Please remove all winter decorations by April 1st to prepare for the spring mowing season. Thank you.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR EASTER Saturday, April 3 at 9:00 am. Help is needed and appreciated.

TITHE: Next weekend, March 27th & 28th will go to the Holy Land.

CHURCH/COVID CLEANING: Volunteer for this week: Andrea Wallpe

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR March 27th & 28th :

5:30 PM (Vigil Mass) - **Readers** – Keith Glotzbach, Tim Tabert, **Servers** – Ella Budreau, Beau Budreau, **Ushers** – Brad Budreau

7:30AM - **Readers** – Wayne Oneal, Kathy Budreau, **Servers** – Allyson Cecil, Nicholas Brost, **Ushers** – Tim Muller

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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 21st. 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

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 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

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 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 21: There will be no Life Teen activities this weekend due to spring break. On March 28, we will begin Holy Week with the Stations of the Cross and meditating on Christ's passion.

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

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

SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE LOGO CONTEST

OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED!

Our pastorate is looking for all artists willing to help us create our logo. The logo must include a representation of all the parishes:

St. Joseph, Kentland = SJO

St. John, Earl Park = SJN

Sacred Heart, Fowler = SH

St. Mary, Dunnington = SM

St. Patrick, Oxford = SP

St. Charles, Otterbein = SC

You may visit all the parishes to see how they look, and what is inside in order to get a better idea of what represents each one. You may depict any of the buildings, altars, saints, and/or anything that represents that parish. Our logo will be used in all our media and communication within the pastorate and outside of it.

The winner will be chosen on May 21st, and the finalist will receive a \$75.00 gift card to their preferred business or a visa card (this option might charge a fee when used).

If you have any questions, please send an email to:

Ronnie Olvera

Director of Evangelization, Family Life and Pastoral Ministries volvera@parish.dol-in.org

May the Holy Spirit Inspire you with its best!