

# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**APRIL 11, 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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 4/12**

8:00AM, Kentland † Buster (Albert) Garing by David & Kathleen Miller

8:15AM, Fowler † Elmoreta Besse by Velda Deno

### **TUESDAY 4/13**

8:00AM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

8:15AM, Fowler † Michael Hasser by Jerry Hasser

6:00PM, Oxford † Tom Schellenberger by Tom & Rita Etter

### **WEDNESDAY 4/14**

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

8:00AM, Otterbein † Heather Barnard by Penny Pava

8:15AM, Fowler † Janet Gretencord by Gary & Helen Deno

### **THURSDAY 4/15**

8:00AM, Earl Park † Carol Salla by Pat & John Bennett

6:00PM, Oxford † Becky Weisenberger by Denny & Karen Hogue

6:00PM, Dunnington † Butch Sondgerath Family by Aletha Dowell

### **FRIDAY 4/16**

8:00AM, Otterbein † Arthur & Anna Litterini by Jim & Joann Vorst

8:15AM, Fowler † Bernard Schroeder by Barb & Ron Schenauer

6:00PM, Kentland † Pat McCarty by Joan & Bob Hays

### **SATURDAY 4/17**

5:00PM, Earl Park † L&D of Leonard & Lela Hardebeck by Mary & Willie Flook

5:30PM, Oxford † Deb Tranel by Gene Tranel

### **SUNDAY 4/18**

7:30AM, Oxford † Leo Etter by the Leo Etter Family

8:00AM, Fowler † Eric Puetz by Elaine Puetz

9:00AM, Kentland † Pat McCarty by Joan & Bob Hays

9:30AM, Otterbein † For the Pastorate

*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](http://swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org)



*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love is everlasting.*

*Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Regular: \$891.55      Loose: \$235.00  
School: \$980.00      Catholic Relief: \$4.00  
Good Friday: \$320.00      Easter: \$3212.00  
Total: \$5,642.55

**Saint Charles**

Regular: \$3,079.00      Loose: \$45.00  
Rice Bowl: \$ 56.76      Votive Candle: \$101.00  
Total: \$3,281.76

**Saint John the Baptist**

Regular: \$340.00      Loose: \$.00  
Building: \$50.00      Catholic Relief: \$250.00  
Total: \$640.00

**Saint Joseph**

Regular: \$1,471.00      Loose: \$950.00  
Building: \$140.00  
Total: \$2,561.00

**Saint Mary's**

Regular: \$170.00      Loose: \$00  
Easter: \$200.00      Good Friday: \$60.00  
Total: \$430.00

**Saint Patrick**

Regular: \$1,350.00      Loose: \$77.00  
School Support: \$30.00      Rice Bowl: \$144.46  
Total: \$1,601.46

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

- 4/12 – Pope Francis
- 4/13 – Most Rev. Bishop Timothy Doherty
- 4/14 – Bishop William Higi
- 4/15 – Fr. Derek Aaron
- 4/16 – Fr. Sean Aaron
- 4/17 – Very Rev. Timothy Alkire
- 4/18 – Fr. Matthew Arbuckle

## † A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in this space last week, Easter Season lasts for 50 days and culminates on Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. I feel safe in saying that the Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity to whom we pay the least attention. There are probably many reasons for this. I suspect at least one of those reasons is that we can far more easily imagine God as Father and Son because we have concrete experiences of fathers and sons. "Spirit" is more difficult to pin down, to have a real sense of. Let me suggest that one of the ways we might observe the Easter Season well is to ask God that we all grow in openness to the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

## PASTORATE CALENDAR

**MONDAY 4/12** – Monday within the Octave of Easter

**TUESDAY 4/13** –

**WEDNESDAY 4/14** –

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

**THURSDAY 4/15** – Sewing Day, 9AM, at the home of Helen Deno

**FRIDAY 4/16** – Adoration – Sacred Heart 7 – 8AM, Little Caesars fundraiser due.

**SATURDAY 4/17** –

**SUNDAY 4/18** – Third Sunday of Easter



Benton Community  
**COOP**  
Food & Service



APRIL - Adult & Baby Diapers

## † In Our Parishes †

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

**NEEDING A SPECIAL GIFT FOR A WEDDING, BABY SHOWER, OR ANY OCCASION?** Visit Glotzbach Pharmacy where the Sacred Heart Sewing Ladies have their homemade quilts for sale. Many to choose from so don't delay, stop in today!

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

**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](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

**REMINDER, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Will be taking place at Sacred Heart on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM Mass. There will be 12 students receiving Jesus along with their families. This means extra attendance at Mass. Please plan accordingly.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER:** April 18, **READER** – Rusty Wilson, **SERVERS** – Abigail Wilson and Payton Krug

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

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

**TITHES:** Next Sunday, April 18 will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

**SANITIZING:** Volunteers for sanitizing after 9:30 Mass on April 18: Judy & Jack Hubertz

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** April 18, **Reader:** Betsy Satchell, **Server:** Hannah Wetli, Aiden Wetli, Parker Sexton, **Usher:** Brad Wetli

**FIRST COMMUNION** will be next Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. Students preparing to make their First Communion are Drake Gillen, Jordan Hands, Lucienna Hernandez, Harper Musser and Luke Sexton. Please keep them in your prayers.

**SCRIP CARDS** available following the 9:30 Mass for those interested in purchasing them again to help Life Teen.

**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.

**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: April 17, READER – Clarice Benner

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

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** – The diocese is reaching out to all St. Joseph parishes to request a video submission of the church. This video will be on the diocese website attached to The Catholic Moment. This will be in the July 12th edition. They request the videos be in “Landscape” mode. The video and pictures are due by June 4. If anyone would be interested in creating this video, please contact: Jan Goetz 765-884-1818

LITURGICAL MINISTER: April 18, READER – Keith Godbey

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

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

**TITHE:** Next weekend, April 18 will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

**SEWING DAY:** Thursday, April 15, 9AM at the home of Helen Deno. Bring something to share for lunch.

**HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED:** Part time housekeeper needed to clean the rectory every other week and the parish hall every week during the school year. If interested please contact Father Weisenberger at [fr.weisenberger@dol-in.org](mailto:fr.weisenberger@dol-in.org) or call the pastorate office at 765-385-2587.

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: April 17 & 18:**

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

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** We will be having two more classes for this school year: April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. First Communion for our youth – Reed Muller, McCoy Rhoades, and Logan Pyke will be on May 2nd at the 7:30 AM Mass. Please pray for an increase in faith for all our youth and their parents.

**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.

**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.

**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



**SPRING FLOWER** orders are available this week. Please have your order in no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a strict deadline. For any questions please call Courtney Krug @ 765-418-1742.

**Open Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year** is happening now! Contact Kristy Gross at 884-0710 or [kgross@fowlersacredheart.org](mailto:kgross@fowlersacredheart.org) for more information.

**Sacred Heart School is hosting a visit** for students who will be in kindergarten during the 2021-2022 school year. The incoming students are invited to visit the school on Friday, April 9, from 12:30-2:40. Please contact the school if you have any questions or to let us know if your child will be attending the visit. We are asking all children to wear a mask while visiting.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Virtual Cake Walk! We raised a total of \$3335.83 this year. \$1600 of that came from the envelopes placed in the churches! Thank you to everyone who supports our school!

#### **WAYS TO SUPPORT SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY**

**Coke Lids**-We are collecting the lids from Coke products. There is a code on the lid that we will enter to earn some money for the school. Lids can be dropped off at the school office

**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 †**

**APRIL 11:** *"Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love."* – Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013

This week we will have a special guest to discuss discerning a Vocation, Father Brent Bowen, O.P., from St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Following class at 8:00 PM, there will be a meeting for all teens attending the Catholic Heart Workcamp mission trip to Nashville, TN this summer. Parents are also welcome to attend the CHWC meeting.

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**

## **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](mailto:volvera@parish.dol-in.org)

May the Holy Spirit Inspire you with its best!



## OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION, FAMILY LIFE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES



RONNIE @ YOUR SERVICE!



I pray that you had a wonderful Holy Week!

### **Religious Education**

I would like to remind parents about the survey. It is due April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Some parents shared with me the concern that I did not provide enough time between the notice in the bulletin about the meeting to answer your questions, and the actual meeting. I would like to apologize. I would like to remind you that you can always contact me via email: [volvera@gmail.com](mailto:volvera@gmail.com); phone: 765) 884-1818, or by making an appointment with me, so we can address all your concerns. The meeting was an initial step, not the last one. We are a team, and I am sure we can work it out together!

### **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)**

I would like to provide further instructions about this registration. I found out that Monica Lohmuller has been in charge of this, and that she, along with her team, have been doing a wonderful job! I would not like to change that. If you would like to have any information about this, please contact her at: [bcteens4christ@gmail.com](mailto:bcteens4christ@gmail.com).

### **Pastorate Facebook Page**

I am in the process of creating a Pastorate Facebook Page where all the information about events pertaining to the Pastorate as a whole would be posted in one place. The Diocese is helping us with this!

*Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible. Francis of Assisi*

I continue placing myself at your service for anything you may need from the Pastorate,

Ronnie Olvera

Director of Evangelization, Family Life and Pastoral Ministry.

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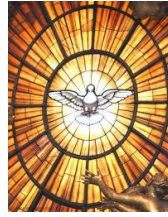


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## OFICINA DE EVANGELIZACIÓN, VIDA FAMILIAR Y MINISTERIOS PASTORALES



¡RONNIE A TU SERVICIO!



¡Oro por que haya tenido una maravillosa Semana Santa!

### **Educación religiosa**

Me gustaría recordarles a los padres sobre la encuesta. La fecha límite es el 19 de abril de 2021. Algunos padres compartieron conmigo la preocupación de que no di suficiente tiempo entre el aviso en el boletín sobre la reunión para responder a sus preguntas, y la reunión en sí. Me gustaría disculparme. Quisiera recordarles que siempre puede contactarme por correo electrónico: [volvera@gmail.com](mailto:volvera@gmail.com); teléfono: 765) 884-1818, o haciendo una cita conmigo, para que podamos abordar todas sus inquietudes. La reunión fue un paso inicial, no el último. Somos un equipo y estoy segura de que podemos resolverlo juntos.

### **Conferencia Nacional de Jóvenes Católicos (NCYC)**

Me gustaría proporcionar más instrucciones sobre este registro. ¡Descubrí que Monica Lohmuller ha estado a cargo de esto y que ella, junto con su equipo, han estado haciendo un trabajo maravilloso! No me gustaría cambiar eso. Si desea tener alguna información sobre esto, comuníquese con ella a: [bcteens4christ@gmail.com](mailto:bcteens4christ@gmail.com).

### **Página Pastoral de Facebook**

Estoy en el proceso de crear una página de Facebook de la Pastoral donde toda la información sobre eventos relacionados con la Pastoral en su conjunto se publicaría en un solo lugar. ¡La Diócesis nos está ayudando con esto!

*Empieza por hacer lo que sea necesario, luego haz lo que sea posible, y de repente estarás haciendo lo imposible. Francisco de Asís.*

Sigo poniéndome a tu servicio para cualquier cosa que necesites de la Pastoral,

Ronnie Olvera

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BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

- REV 21:5