

# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

**APRIL 18, 2021 – THIRD 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

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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 4/19**

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

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

### **TUESDAY 4/20**

8:00AM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

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

6:00PM, Oxford † Marlena Thomas by Mr & Mrs Gerald Taylor

### **WEDNESDAY 4/21**

8:00AM, Kentland † Gordon Danner

8:00AM, Otterbein † L&D members of the Wiemar & Helen Sondgerath family by Jean Sondgerath

8:15AM, Fowler † Janet & Jim Gretencord Sr. by Virginia Grace

### **THURSDAY 4/22**

8:00AM, Earl Park † Carol Salla by Nancy Davis

6:00PM, Oxford † Catherine Leuck by Martha Gretencord

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

### **FRIDAY 4/23**

8:00AM, Otterbein † Diane Molter by Jeanne & Doug Brummet

8:15AM, Fowler † L&D Leroy & Alma Puetz Family by Kevin & Julie Puetz Family

6:00PM, Kentland † Jack Molter

### **SATURDAY 4/24**

5:00PM, Earl Park † Carol Salla by Terry & Ava Snodgrass

5:30PM, Oxford † Dick Atha by Jim & Chris Sheetz

### **SUNDAY 4/25**

7:30AM, Oxford † Thelma Brost by Jean Sondgerath

8:00AM, Fowler † For the Pastorate

9:00AM, Kentland † L&D of the John & Mildred Schluttenhofer Families by Barb Garing

9:30AM, Otterbein † Jeff Glotzbach by Patrick Doyle & family

*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)



*Lord, let your face shine on us.*  
*Ps 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Regular: \$2,460.00	Loose: \$121.00
School: \$2,235.00	Building: \$100.00
Good Friday: \$15.00	Easter: \$555.00
Tuition Asst.: \$100.00	Total: \$5,586.00

**Saint Charles**

Regular: \$1,624.00	Loose: \$37.00
Online Giving: \$1,295.21	Total: \$2,956.21

**Saint John the Baptist**

Regular: \$1,425.00	Loose: \$130.00
Building: \$200.00	Catholic Moment: \$20.00
Total: \$1,775.00	

**Saint Joseph**

Regular: \$2,363.00	Loose: \$460.00
Building: \$00	
Total: \$2,823.00	

**Saint Mary's**

Regular: \$125.00	Loose: \$2.00
Easter: \$20.00	Good Friday: \$20.00
Building: \$25.00	Total: \$192.00

**Saint Patrick**

Regular: \$1,038.00	Loose: \$35.00
Catholic Moment: \$20.00	Rice Bowl: \$32.98
Online Giving: \$1,797.77	Total: \$2,923.75

**WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?**

- 4/19 – All Deceased Priest
- 4/20 – Fr. Joshua Bennett
- 4/21 – Very Rev. Robert Bernotas
- 4/22 – Fr. Michael Block
- 4/23 – Very Rev. Canon Gerald Borawski
- 4/24 – Fr. Brent Bowen
- 4/25 – Fr. Michael Bower

## † A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

There are several important matters which I want to mention in this space today. First, during the Mass at 9:30 in Otterbein some of our younger parishioners will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time today. First Holy Communion will also be celebrated at the 5PM Mass in Earl Park on May 1 and during the Mass at 7:30AM in Oxford and 8AM in Fowler on May 2. Please pray that these children will be nourished to walk faithfully with Christ. Also, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23 during the Mass at 8AM in Fowler. May our candidates for Confirmation and all of us be open to the working of the Holy Spirit. Second, I am very pleased that 11 parishioners have accepted my invitation to serve as members of our Pastorate Pastoral Council. They will advise me as we seek to move forward as a pastorate to fulfill our mission as followers of Jesus Christ. More information about these council members will be available soon. I think they reflect well the population of our pastorate. Finally, working with me to implement the various aspects of our pastoral plan are the other members of the Pastoral Leadership Team: Nancy Brost, Jan Goetz, Kristy Gross and Ronnie Olvera.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

## PASTORATE CALENDAR

**MONDAY 4/19 –**

**TUESDAY 4/20 –**

**WEDNESDAY 4/21 –**

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

**6:30PM**, St. Patrick Finance Council meeting, rectory

**THURSDAY 4/22 –**

**FRIDAY 4/23** – Adoration – Sacred Heart 7 – 8AM, Little Caesars fundraiser due.

**SATURDAY 4/24 –**

**SUNDAY 4/25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**



APRIL - Adult & Baby Diapers

Benton Community  
**CO-OP**  
Food & Service



† 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!

**CELEBRATION:** There will be a Mass at 4:00PM on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Dunnington for Wayne and Judy Crumbaugh who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Masks required.

**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.

† SW Newton and Benton County Pastorate †

**† 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 25, **READER** – Kent Brouillette, **SERVERS** – Eric Cyr & Taryn Klemme

**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, April 25 will go to Matthew 25 Soup Kitchen.

**SANITIZING:** Volunteers for sanitizing after 9:30 Mass on April 25: Judy & Jack Hubertz

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** April 25, **Reader:** Brent Budreau, **Server:** Austin Klemme, Tyler Klemme, **Usher:** Randy Schluttenhofer

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our First Communion students Drake, Gillen, Jordan Hands, Lucienna Hernandez, Harper Musser and Luke Sexton.

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

**EASTER LILLIES** – were donated to St. Mary's from Maxine Sondgeroth for the living and deceased members of the Raymond Sondgeroth family, and from Steve and Bonnie Sondgeroth in memory of the Lawrence and Barbara Leuck family, also in memory of Larry & Pat Leuck family.

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**† SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST †** 205 South Chestnut Street, Earl Park

**ST. JOHN'S IS COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS FOR THE PRAIRIE CROSSING SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM:** There has been an increase in students experiencing food insecurity on the weekends this year. The Backpack program sends food home with students in need. The most important part is making sure the food can easily be prepared by a child under 12. There is a list of food item suggestions in the back of church if you need ideas. If you have any questions, please talk to Anne Snodgrass.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER:** April 24, **READER** – Tony Sherfey

**† 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** – Karen Piegza, **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER** – Pam Heyde

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

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 PM St. Patrick Rectory.

**TITHE:** Next weekend, April 25 will go to Matthew 25 Soup Kitchen.

**CHURCH/COVID CLEANING:** Volunteer for this week: Volunteer Needed

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: April 24 & 25:**

**5:30 PM: Reader** – Tim Tabert, **Server** – Ella Budreau, Beau Budreau, **Ushers** – Brad Budreau

**7:30AM - Reader** – Kathy Budreau, **Servers** – Georgianna Wallpe, Nichols Wallpe, **Ushers** – Tim Muller

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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

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

**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 18:** How many Holy Days of Obligation do we honor in a year? What's the difference between a Feast Day and a Holy Day of Obligation? These questions and more will be answered at class this evening! We will end the evening with time in Eucharistic Adoration.

Teens interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), November 18-20, 2021 in Indianapolis, need to let the Core Team know this weekend that they want to go. Families are asked to contribute \$200 of the registration fees for the trip, and Life Teen will hold fundraisers to fund the rest. Scholarships are also available. No money is due at this time.

There will be a Life Teen Parent Meeting on April 25 at 6:00 PM to finalize the year and discuss upcoming events. We ask that all Life Teen parents attend.

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.dolin.org](mailto:volvera@parish.dolin.org), May the Holy Spirit Inspire you with its best!

## OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION, FAMILY LIFE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES



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We have more exciting news coming your way!

### **Religious Education**

I would like to remind parents about the survey. It is due April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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. We are a team, and I am sure we can work it out together!

### **Liturgical Training**

I met with the Office of Worship at the Diocese on Wednesday and we came up with a plan to be able to offer liturgical training for the Pastorate. I will be providing the information in the following weeks via Web page, Facebook and the bulletin. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call me and/or email me.

### **Formation for Youth Ministry Leaders Opportunity:**

This is occurring simultaneously with the Missionary Disciples Institute for youth through Marian University. It will be from June 16-18, 2021.

- a. The *MDI Minister Track* was created to provide you with an opportunity for spiritual renewal, vocational awareness, and theological insight through a community of missionary disciples. You can expect to walk away from this experience with:
  - i. Powerful Prayer Experiences
  - ii. Inside Look at the MDI Experience
  - iii. Completed 5-year vocational timeline (based on the MDI ministry tracks)
  - iv. New community
- b. In this *MDI Minister Track*, you will be led by:
  - i. Dr. Matthew Sherman, Chair for Applied Ethics at Marian University
  - ii. Natalie Ryan, Spiritual Director and Marian University alumna
- c. The way this track has been designed is to provide you with the most flexible options possible. When registering, please indicate the best way for you to participate in this track. You will have two options:
  - i. **OPTION 1: ONLINE ONLY (\$50)**
    1. Includes: Online track sessions with Marian University theology faculty, Dr. Matthew Sherman & Marian University alumna and Spiritual Director, Natalie Ryan via video call each day from 10:00am to 12:00pm, access to all MDI keynotes online, MDI t-shirt, and other MDI resources.
  - ii. **OPTION 2: ONLINE + IN-PERSON FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021 (\$100)**
    1. Includes: Online track sessions with Marian University theology faculty, Dr. Matthew Sherman & Marian University alumna and Spiritual Director, Natalie Ryan via video call each day from 10:00am to 12:00pm with Friday's session being in-person, attendance at the Friday MDI keynote + access to all MDI keynotes online, meals for the day, access to The Hussey Brothers Concert (Friday at 7pm), MDI chair, MDI t-shirt, and other MDI resources. (Limited to 25 participants)

*Indeed, prayer is the recognition of our limits and our dependence: we come from God, we are from God and we return to God.*

*John Paul II*

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## OFICINA DE EVANGELIZACIÓN, VIDA FAMILIAR Y MINISTERIOS PASTORALES



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### **Educación religiosa**

Me gustaría recordarles a los padres sobre la encuesta. Vence el 19 de abril de 2021. Les recuerdo que siempre pueden 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. Somos un equipo y estoy seguro de que podemos resolverlo juntos.

### **Entrenamiento litúrgico**

Me reuní con la Oficina de Adoración en la Diócesis el miércoles y creamos un plan para poder ofrecer entrenamiento litúrgico para la Pastoral. Estaré proporcionando la información en las próximas semanas a través de la página web, Facebook y el boletín. Mientras tanto, si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llámeme y/o envíeme un correo electrónico.

*En efecto, la oración es el reconocimiento de nuestros límites y de nuestra dependencia: venimos de Dios, somos de Dios y retornamos a Dios. Juan*

*Pablo II*